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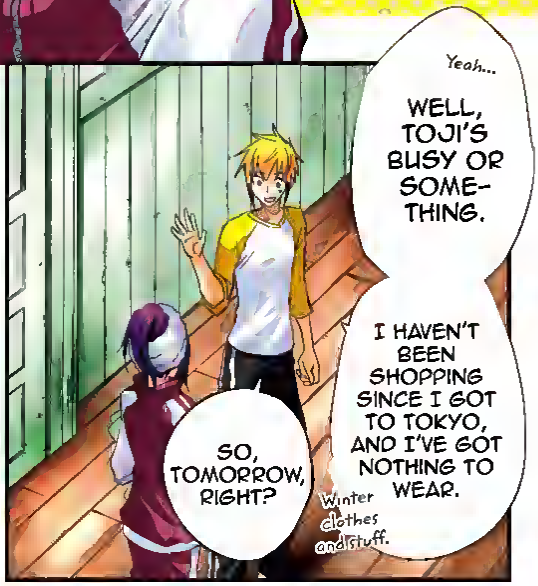
YOU MEAN... J-JUST THE TWO OF US!
SHOPPING TOGETHER?

...A-ARE YOU ASKING ME ON A...
BLUUU
...A DA...?
UUUSH


Yeah...
WELL, TOJI'S BUSY OR SOME-THING.
I HAVEN'T BEEN SHOPPING SINCE I GOT TO TOKYO, AND I'VE GOT NOTHING TO WEAR.
Winter clothes and stuff.
SO, TOMORROW, RIGHT?

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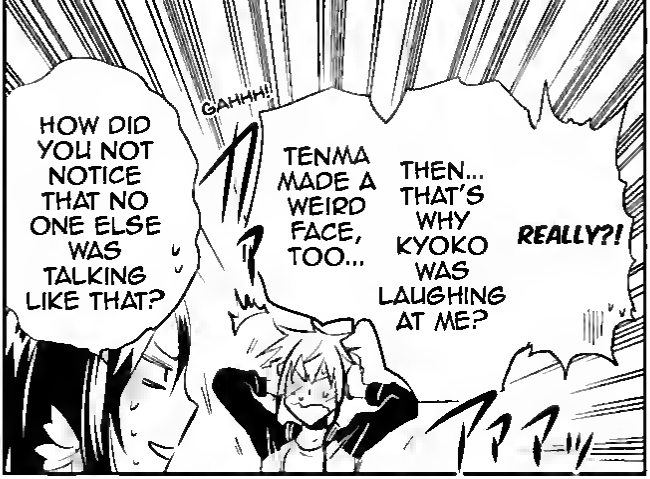
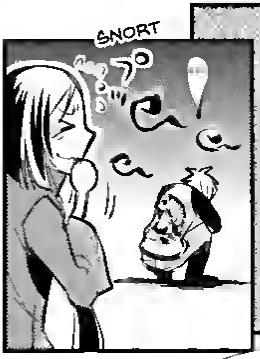
HEY... NATSUME?
WHY ARE YOU...
...WEARING YOUR UNIFORM?
HUH?
WHOA, THAT'S BLEAK.
I NEVER GO ANYWHERE BUT CONVENIENCE STORES AND BOOKSHOPS ANYWAY
ALL I REALLY NEED IS MY UNIFORM AND MY JERSEY.
AHEM.
OH...I SEE.
Isn't it obvious?
whisper
I...DON'T HAVE A LOT OF BOYS' CLOTHES.
NOT EVEN ONE SPARE OUTFIT?

EASY, THERE.
WOW, IT'S REALLY CROWDED.
DON'T MOCK ME!!
I CAN TELL YOU WHAT'S IN STYLE SO YOU DON'T EMBARRASS YOURSELF, OKAY?
WHAT?! WHY ARE YOU TALKING DOWN TO ME?!
THERE, THERE. HOW ABOUT WE GET YOU SOME CLOTHES TODAY TOO?
BLUSH
HUH?
CUT IT OUT! YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME.
DO YOU ACTUALLY THINK THAT'S HOW PEOPLE TALK IN TOKYO?
Y-YA-SHIBU?!
YA-SHIBU* IS SO COOL.
I DON'T THINK HE WAS BEING SERIOUS.
HARU-TORA.
GI-ROPPON*
ZA-GIN*
BUT TOJI SAID EVERYBODY SWITCHES AROUND THE NAMES OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS IN TOKYO---

*Shibuya, Ginza, and Roppongi are three areas/districts of Tokyo.

BUT SOME PEOPLE IN TOKYO DO!
REALLY? WHO?


HOW DID YOU NOT NOTICE THAT NO ONE ELSE WAS TALKING LIKE THAT?
GAHHH!
TENMA MADE A WEIRD FACE, TOO...
THEN... THAT'S WHY KYOKO WAS LAUGHING AT ME?
REALLY?!


SNORT

.....
YASHIBU YASHIBU
MR. OTOMO.

HA HA, IT HASN'T BEEN THAT LONG! WE SPENT PLENTY OF TIME TOGETHER AT THE FIREWORKS BEFORE TOJI--
OH, YEAH, I GUESS NOT.
NOT SINCE WE WERE KIDS, HUH?

AHH!
FIRE-WORKS? WHEN?

HUH?
STILL, WE HAVEN'T GONE OUT TO HAVE SOME FUN LIKE THIS IN AGES.
J-JUST THE TWO OF US!

Hmm...
A-ANYWAY, WHERE SHOULD WE GO SHOPPING?
I'D REALLY LIKE TO CHECK OUT SOME SECOND-HAND SHOPS.
AFTER THAT, AN ARCADE OR A MANGA CAFÉ?
JUST STROLLING AROUND COULD BE FUN TOO.

NOTHING! M-MY MISTAKE!
I GUESS WE HAVEN'T DONE THIS SINCE WE WERE KIDS! T-TAKES ME BACK, HA HA!

UM. LEAD THE WAY?
LEAD... ON?
TO...A PLACE WHERE WE MIGHT FIND A SECOND-HAND SHOP?

HEE HEE HEE
HA HA, YOU'RE RIGHT.
WELL, CLOTHES FIRST, RIGHT?
LEAD ON, NATSU-ME!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A LOVELY D-D-DA--
HEE HEE

Whoa...
...C'MON...
You're way too shy around people.
WELL, AT SHOPS THE SALES-PEOPLE COME OVER AND TALK AT YOU, AND...

Huh?
WHAT?! EVEN GIRL'S CLOTHES? WHY?!
I'VE ONLY EVER BOUGHT CLOTHES ONLINE!
I-I CAN'T DO THAT!

AH WELL...
THIS PLACE IS WAY TOO BIG TO FIND OUR WAY AROUND WITHOUT A GUIDE, SO...
MUT-TER
I GUESS WE NEED TOJI TO COME AFTER ALL.
Y...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO INVITED ME!
SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE DONE YOUR RESEARCH AS AN ESCORT BEFORE-HAND?
Buh?
YOU NEVER PLAN ANYTHING PROPERLY, HARU-TORA!
WHAT?
WHY ARE YOU MAD ALL OF A SUD-DEN?!
I...I'M NOT MAD! GOSH!
WHAT? "GOSH"?
WHAT ARE YOU, FIVE?
HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT?!
YOU'RE MY FAMILIAR!
Sigh...
... YEAH.
GUESS I'VE GOTTA PLAY G.P.S. FOR MY RECLUSE OF A MASTER, HUH?
BLUSH!
.....!

Ojoku
THERE WON'T BE ANY SECOND-HAND SHOPS IN A DEPART-MENT STO--
...
FUME
FUME
HUH? H-HEY, NATSUME ?!
ANY OLD ONE OUGHT TO DO, RIGHT?!
WHIRL!
FINE!
IF YOU WANT A SECOND-HAND SHOP, I'LL TAKE YOU TO ONE!
RUMBLE
WELL, CRAP..
HEY...
NATSU-ME?

FLINCH
UGH...
THERE GOES MY SUN-DAY...
DIDN'T YOU SAY "CLOTHES FIRST"?
WE CAN GET LUNCH AFTER THAT!
IT'S ALMOST THREE O'CLOCK.
I'M GETTING HUNGRY ...
FUME
FUME
FUME
FUME
GAHH! C'MON!
NATSUME, I'M SORRY!
FUME
FUME
OH.
Oh, no!
FUME
FUME
WHIRL!
REST
ご休憩 ¥400
ご宿泊 ¥750
STAY
HOTEL
パラダイス
PARADISE
I JUST WANT SOMETHING TO EAT ALREADY...
GURGLE
BWUH?!
GAH!

WHY NOT? YOU SAID THERE WERE LOTS OF SECOND-HAND SHOPS JUST PAST--
THERE ARE, BUT...!
H-HAVEN'T YOU LOOKED AROUND?!
SHRIEK!
DON'T TOUCH ME, STUPID-TORA! I'M NOT GIVING--
W-WAIT! NATSUME!
WILL YOU RELAX?! WE CAN'T GO THIS WAY!
STOP!!
GRAB
HOTEL
GLANCE
GLANCE
?
DON'T YOU GET IT? THE HOTELS HERE ARE ALL...YOU KNOW...
whisper
whisper
WHAT'S WRONG? IT'S JUST A BUNCH OF HOTELS.
WHUMPH!

WHAT ?!
LO... LO...
BLU-U-USH
LOVE HOTELS ?!
OH, THANK GOD...I DON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN WHAT A LOVE HOTEL IS.
ホテルか
NO...!
BUT...!
OH NO
THAT'S... I DIDN'T ...!
I KNOW, OKAY? CALM DOWN.
WHY...
URGHH
H-HEY... NATSU-ME?
WHY IS...IT ALL ...
...G-GOING WRONG ...?
I JUST WANTED TO GO ON A...
BUT THIS...IT'S NOT...
DRIP DROP

Aw, man!
THIS JUST ISN'T OUR DAY. WHAT A MESS...
.... NGH...
SNIFF
FSHHHHHH
HOTEL
LET'S JUST GO, NATSUME.
IT'D SUCK IF SOMEBODY WE KNEW SAW US ARGUING OUT HERE.
MAYBE WE CAN DUCK INTO A CAFÉ SOMEWH--
DID YOU FIND THEM, AKO?
Grahh!
I'M NOT CRYING, DANG IT!
HEY... N-NATSUME!
DON'T CRY!
SPLASH
IT'S NO USE, MAKO! I LOST THEM!!
SPLASH
GULP!
?!
THAT VOICE...

THEY MUSTN'T! IT'S MY JOB TO STOP THEM!
BUT... SQUEE !!
OMIGOD, DO YOU THINK THEY'RE FINALLY GOING ALL THE WAY...?!
OH, FOR SURE!
RIGHT ?!
NATSUME AND HARUTORA WENT THIS WAY JUST NOW! I'M SURE OF IT!!
W-WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? THEY'RE COMING THIS WAY!!
SPLASH
SPLASH
CRAP! WE'VE GOTTA GET AWAY...
Y...YOU'RE RIGHT.
IT'S AN EMER-GENCY, SO...
L-LISTEN, THIS IS AN EMERGENCY, SO...UH...

SILENCE...
.....
.....
IT'S, UH... NOT AS WEIRD AS I THOUGHT ...
THE BED DOESN'T EVEN SPIN...
S-SAME HERE...
THERE AREN'T EVEN ANY MIRRORS ...
.....
.....
SILENCE...
.....
.....
UH, W-WOW...
THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL, HUH?
HA HA HA HA HA!
THEY WEREN'T FOLLOWING US AROUND, WERE THEY?
I DIDN'T EVEN REAL-IZE!
N-NEITHER DID I!

CLICK
S-SOME PEOPLE HAVE TOO MUCH FREE TIME, HUH?
A-ANYWAY, LET'S KICK BACK HERE UNTIL THE RAIN STOPS.
THERE'S EVEN A T.V....
BA-DOOM!
神速
HYPER-SPEED
OOH, BABY!
SQUISH!
OFF
!!!
M-MY BAD...
BA-DUMP
I-IT'S FINE...
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
I'M... SORRY.

YOU WENT OUT OF YOUR WAY TO INVITE ME OUT, BUT...
I...
...RUINED IT...
W-WHAT? NO, YOU DIDN'T.
IT'S FINE, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
IT'S PROB-ABLY MY FAULT...
...THAT YOU GOT DRAGGED INTO A CRAZY SITUATION LIKE THIS AT ALL.
I'VE GOT REALLY BAD LUCK, YA KNOW.
Ha ha ha
TH-THAT'S NOT TRUE!
HARU-TOR...
ACHOO!
AW, MAN!
YOU'RE SOAKING WET AND FREEZING.
WELL, THIS HAS BEEN A HELL OF A "FIELD TRIP"...
I GUESS SUNDAYS LIKE THIS AREN'T SO BAD, SOME-TIMES?

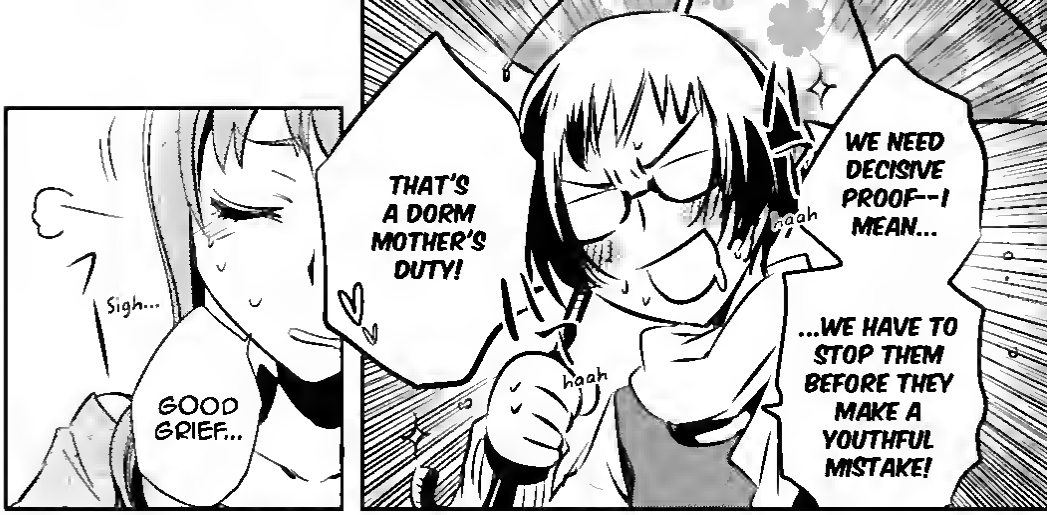
NATSUME, YOU WANNA TAKE A SHOWER?
FREEZE
Wanna take a shower?
ACK ?!
SHOOT?!
N-NO, I...!
I-UH YOU UH
YOU MIGHT CATCH A COLD!
AND THAT WOULD BE BAD!
I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING WEIRD!
FLAIL
YOU, UH...
WE-UH NO UH
.....
SHFF
HUH?
...ALL RIGHT.
I'M NOT TRYING TO PULL ANYTHING SNEAKY, I'M JUST BEING...NICE? WORRIED? UH...

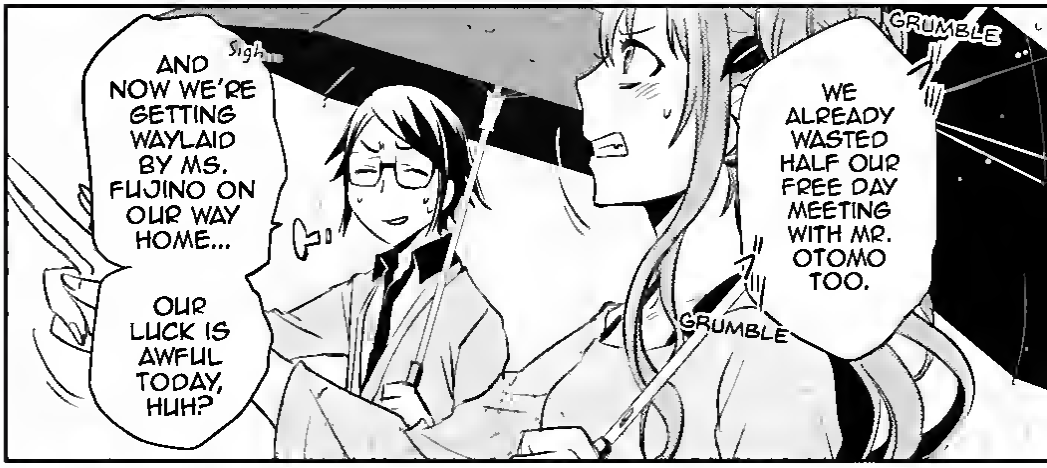
BA...DUMP
I...
IF YOU SAY SO...
...CAN TAKE A QUICK...
NATSU--
AHEM.

?!
GAHH!
BADUM
I... FORGOT...
D-DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!
BADUM
BADUM
K-KON?!
GLARE
GLARE
OR, WOULD YOU HAVE PREFERRED...
...HOW TERRIBLY RUDE OF ME.
A SITUATION HAS ARISEN OF WHICH I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO BE INFORMED.

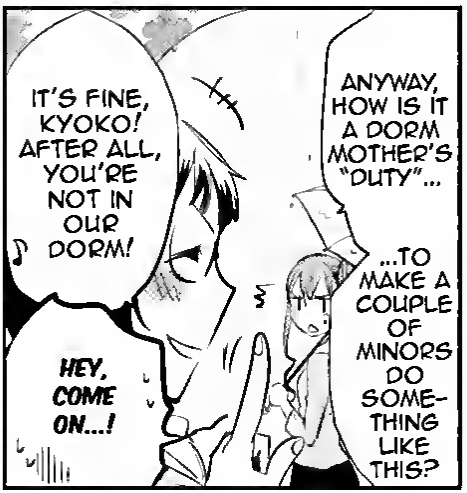
I AM ALWAYS NEARBY.
WOULD YOU...
...AND LET THINGS PLAY OUT TO THE VERY END?
BLU-U-USH
...THAT I REMAIN SILENTLY WATCHING...
Th-the "very end"?!
HUH?! N-NO, I...!
UH, K-KON?
N-NO, I...!
RUMBLE
...HAVE PREFERRED TO RECALL THAT...
YOU SOUND DIFFER-ENT THAN USUAL, SOME-HOW...
...AFTER IT WAS TOO LATE, MASTER...?
AHEM.
RUB
RUB
RUB
AT ANY RATE.
MASTER HARU-TORA.

ENEMY FAMILIARS ARE APPROACH-ING.
P-PLEASE BE ON THE LOOK OUT.
CHAK
IS THAT REALLY THE TRUTH?
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT EITHER. A HOTEL ...?
IF YOU FIND THEM, YOU'LL KNOW IF WE LIED OR NOT!!
WHAT SHE SAID!


Sigh...
GOOD GRIEF...
THAT'S A DORM MOTHER'S DUTY!
hgah
hgah
WE NEED DECISIVE PROOF--I MEAN...
...WE HAVE TO STOP THEM BEFORE THEY MAKE A YOUTHFUL MISTAKE!


Sigh...
AND NOW WE'RE GETTING WAYLAID BY MS. FUJINO ON OUR WAY HOME...
OUR LUCK IS AWFUL TODAY, HUH?
GRUMBLE
WE ALREADY WASTED HALF OUR FREE DAY MEETING WITH MR. OTOMO TOO.
GRUMBLE

YOU GUYS MUST BE WONDER-ING AS WELL.


IT'S FINE, KYOKO! AFTER ALL, YOU'RE NOT IN OUR DORM!
HEY, COME ON...!
ANYWAY, HOW IS IT A DORM MOTHER'S "DUTY"...
...TO MAKE A COUPLE OF MINORS DO SOME-THING LIKE THIS?

FLIT...

"LAST TIME"
THOSE TWO REALLY DID VANISH SOMEWHERE NEAR HERE!
YOU HEARD THE RUMORS FROM LAST TIME, RIGHT?
IT'S EASY FOR A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG MAN TO START DOWN THAT PATH!
WHAT KIND OF MUSTY OLD ATTITUDE IS THAT, IN THIS GENDER-FREE WORLD? ANYWAY, NATSUME IS INCREDIBLY BEAUTIFUL!
BAM!
FWOOSH
B-BUT...
YOU FOOL!!
NATSUME AND HARUTORA ARE BOTH BOYS--
I CAN'T BELIEVE NATSUME WOULD!
AND THAT IDIOT HARU-TORA WOULD NEVER...
Ha, ha, ha
Y-you fools...
NOW, NOW, KYOKO DEAR.
YOU'LL KNOW FOR SURE IF YOU GO CHECK IT OUT!
GLARE
FINE.

WHOOSH!
I'LL PROBE EVERY INCH OF THIS NEIGHBOR-HOOD...
...TO PROVE THAT NATSUME IS INNOCENT!!
THIS IS BAD...
THIS IS REALLY BAD!
WHAT ARE THOSE DORM MOTHERS THINKING?!
HOW THE HELL DID THIS HAPPEN?! THIS IS JUST TOO WEIRD!!
Gahh!
...AND THAT'S WHAT HAP-PENED.
SHFF
DON'T WORRY, HARUTORA.
UGHHH ...!
DOOOOM
IF THEY FIND US LIKE THIS... THAT'S A LABEL THAT'S NEVER GONNA COME OFF...

Hmph!
BUT SADLY, THEY'RE NO MATCH FOR ME.
KURA-HASHI'S TALENT IS THE GENUINE ARTICLE.
AND TENMA'S MASTERY OF THE BASICS IS OBVIOUS.
...THERE IS SOME-THING I HAVE NOT YET RE-PORTED.
HEY!
KURA-HASHI! MOMOE!
Wow!
I FEEL BETTER ALREADY ...!!
I-I'M SORRY TO SAY...
WHOOSH!
CHAK
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW...
...TO OUTWIT A COUPLE OF SIMPLE FAMILIAR!

OH, MY!
MR. OTO-MO?
GUH!
WHAT ARE YOU MINORS DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
CLUNK
WHAT IN THE --
OH, MS. KIFU? AND MS. FUJINO TOO.
MR. OTOMO! IT'S BEEN SO LONG!
MR. OTOMO! THE TRUTH IS...
...I SEE.
I THINK I GRASP THE SITUA-TION.

B-BUT...?!
HMPH, OBVIOUSLY.
BUT A SIMPLE FAMILIAR IS STILL A GENERAL-USE FAMILIAR.
EVEN IF THEY ARE PREP STUDENTS, I CANNOT ALLOW THESE TWO NOVICES TO USE THEM.
WHAA-AAT?!
...THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE LET THEM USE THEIR SKILLS FOR ANY OLD REASON.
BUT, MA'AM!
ONLY PROFESSIONAL ONMYOJI ARE ALLOWED TO USE THE GENERAL ONMYO MAGIC.
EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE FOR PREP STUDENTS AT TIMES, BUT...
CLICK
DON'T WORRY, THOUGH...
I FULLY SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR FEELINGS, LADIES.
SO DON'T WORRY...

TA-DAH!
JIN OTOMO IS ON THE JOB!
M-MR. OTOMO ?!
IS HE CRAZY ?!
OH, MR. OTOMO !!
Hmph!
AN OTOMO'S WORD IS AS GOOD AS HIS BOND.
THIS HILARI-OUS... ER, THAT IS...
THIS INEX-CUSABLE MONKEY BUSINESS SHALL BE STOPPED, OR...
...EXPOSED TO THE HARSH LIGHT OF DAY!!
N-NO, YOU CAN'T EXPOSE THEM!
MR. OTOMO, PLEASE CALM DO--
TA-DAHHHHHH!
FLICK
FLICK

FLUTTER
FLUTTER
HA!!
SWOOSH
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

NATSUME, IT'S OKAY, RIGHT?
YOU CAN HANDLE THAT CREEPY OLD FREAK, RI--
DAM-MIT! THOSE NOSY JERKS!

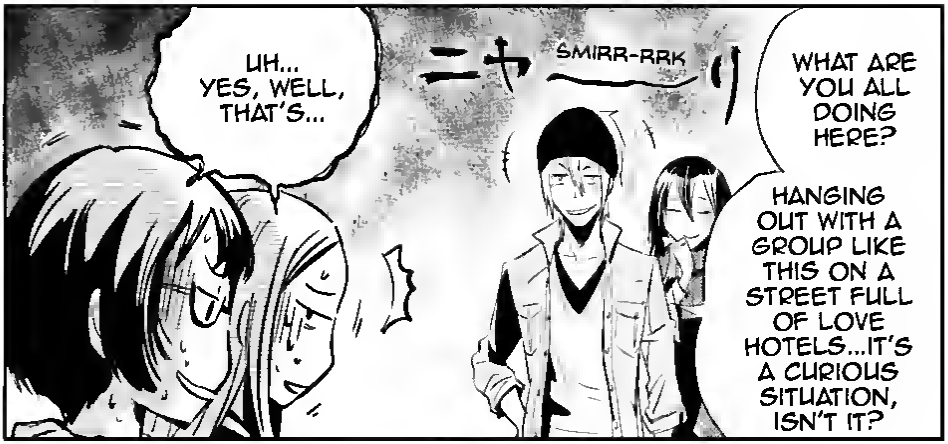
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT OLD TEACHER THINKING?!
Gahhh!
...AND THAT'S WHAT HAP-PENED THEN.

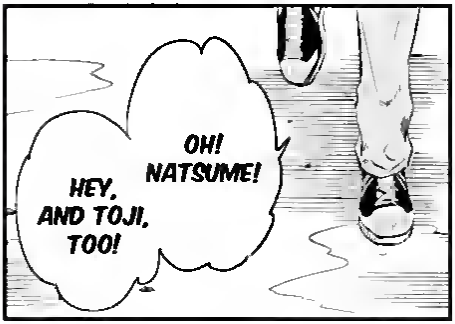
NATSUME?
DASH
DASH
DASH
W-WHAT? ARE WE ACTU-ALLY IN TROUBLE?
OF COURSE WE ARE!!
KON, YOU IDIOT, WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT BEFORE!!
I'M SETTING UP A BAR-RIER!
WHAT ARE Y--
MR. OTOMO IS A PRO, AT THE VERY LEAST!
Haah
AND THERE'S SOMETHING MYSTERIOUS ABOUT THAT TEACHER!
I CAN'T FACE HIM IN A FAIR FIGHT!
Haah
HEY, HARU-TORA...
SHIVER

...STAY FRIENDS, CAN'T WE?
NATSUME! PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER! I'M BEGGING YOU!
DON'T LET GO OF YOUR PRIDE SO EASI--
H-h...
WE'RE ABOUT TO STEP INTO HELL, BUT...
...BUT WE CAN STILL...
TREMBLE
I'M SO TERRIBLY SORRY, BUT...
GAH! KON, CAN'T YOU DO SOME-THING?
H-HER EYES...
HA HA...
WHAT A BRIEF SCHOOL CAREER IT WAS...
HA HA...
BR-R-R-RING!
AUGH ...!!
OH?

HOTEL
WHAT ARE YOU ALL...
...DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
OH, HELLO, TOJI...
URK!
WHAT?! NATSUME?!

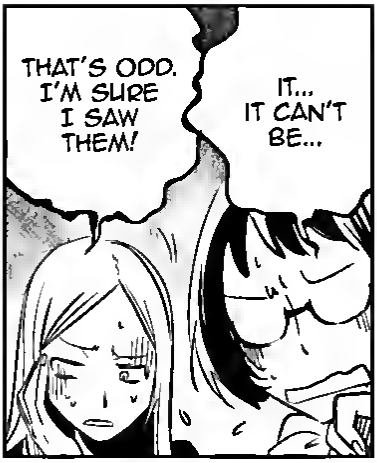
N-NATSUME, WEREN'T YOU AND HARUTORA...?
SCRATCH
HOW DID YOU KNOW? YEAH, WE WERE TOGETHER UNTIL ABOUT NOON.
BUT THEN WE WENT OUR SEPARATE WAYS, SINCE I HAD PLANS WITH TOJI ...?
TH-THAT'S...
NO WAY...!
STARE
whisper
YOU'RE A LIFESAVER, TOJI!
PREVIOUSLY...
HELP!
TOJI, IS THAT YOU?! HELP US!
I just called 'cause my errands were done
?
MEET AT HOTEL.
Here
CHANGE OF CLOTHES
TOJI + NATSUME ESCAPE.
LOOKS LIKE A COUPLE.
HARUTORA ESCAPES.
SNEE-EEAK
GLANCE
WELL?


UH... YES, WELL, THAT'S...
SMIRR-RRK
WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING HERE?
HANGING OUT WITH A GROUP LIKE THIS ON A STREET FULL OF LOVE HOTELS...IT'S A CURIOUS SITUATION, ISN'T IT?

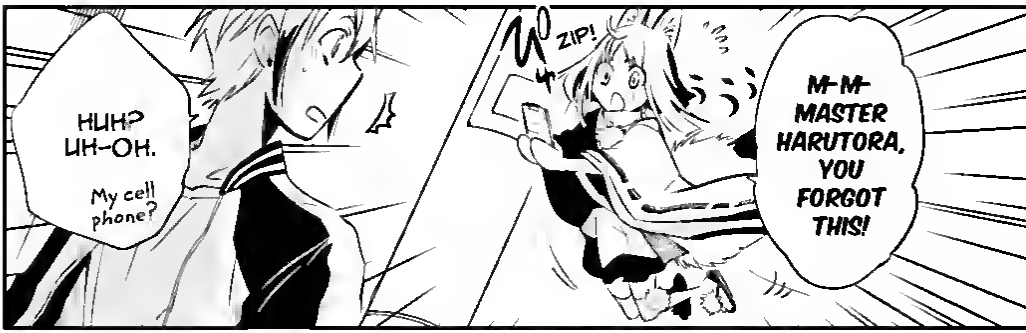

OH! NATSUME!
HEY, AND TOJI, TOO!

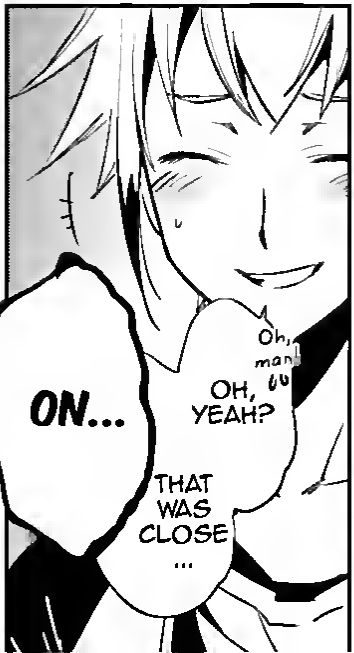
Good grief.
SWOOSH

HARU- TORA...! HA...
OH, HEY, IT'S MS. FUJINO AND MS. KIFU!


THAT'S ODD. I'M SURE I SAW THEM!
IT... IT CAN'T BE...

Ha ha ha!
WHAT ARE YOU ALL UP TO, HUH?
AND KYOKO AND TENMA...
...AND EVEN MR. OTOMO!


HUH? UH-OH.
My cell phone?
ZIP!
M-M-MASTER HARUTORA, YOU FORGOT THIS!

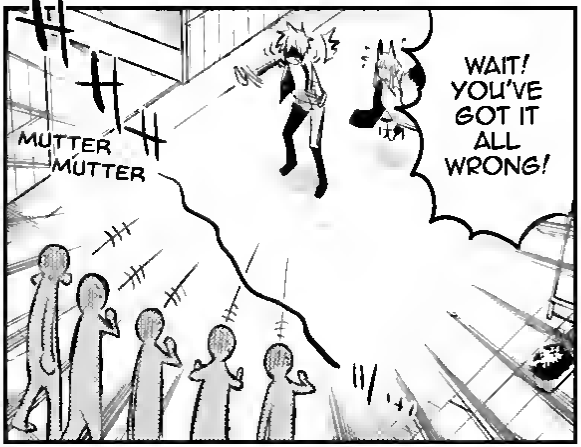

ON...
Oh, man!
OH, YEAH?
THAT WAS CLOSE ...

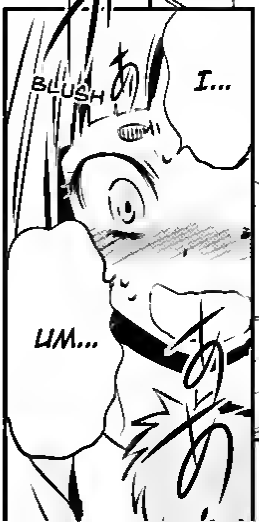
A-A-AT THE HOTEL, JUST NOW! ON THE BED!
YOU LEFT IT UNDER YOUR BATH TOWEL!
WHOOPS, I GUESS I GOT CARRIED AWAY.
WHERE DID YOU FIND IT, KON?

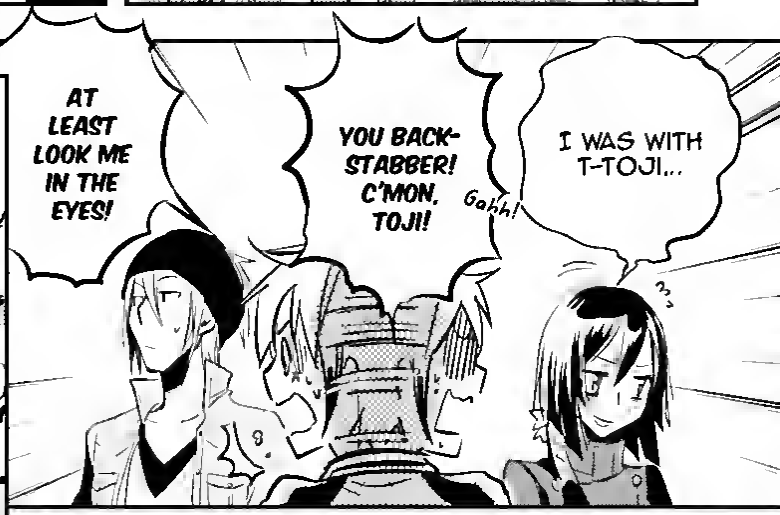
UNDER "YOUR BATH TOWEL"...?
...."THE BED"?
AT "THE HOTEL"?
Ahh...
Ah?!
Ah!
あ
あ
あ
?!
NO...! YOU AND...
...YOUR OWN FAMILIAR...?!
H-HARUTORA?
STARE
じ!!...
ACK...!

I DIDN'T ...?!
TH-THAT'S DISGUST-ING...
SHE'S JUST A LITTLE CHILD! HARUTORA, HOW COULD YOU...?
THIS IS... A BAD JOKE...
IT CAN'T BE...

THEY'RE WRONG, AREN'T THEY!
NATSUME, TELL THEM WHAT--


MUTTER MUTTER
WAIT! YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!


BLUSH
I...
UM...


AT LEAST LOOK ME IN THE EYES!
YOU BACK-STABBER! C'MON, TOJI!
Gohh!
I WAS WITH T-TOJI...

*LOLI-CON is an abbreviation for "Lolita Complex" (a term for pedophilia)

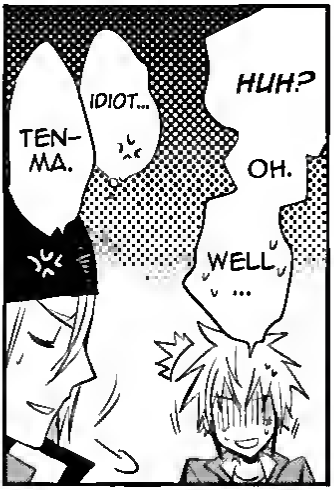
END OF CHAPTER 16

CHAPTER 17
BLOODY
HOLIDAY

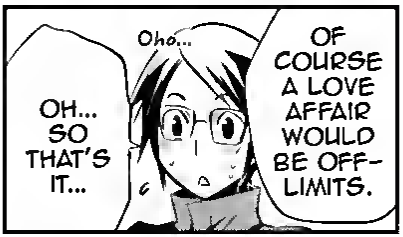
A LOVE LETTER?
ADDRESSED TO YOU?
Y-YEAH!
IT JUST CAME FLUTTERING DOWN AT LUNCH...
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
ONMYO PREP — FIRE ESCAPE STAIRS
SHE MUST BE AN IDIOT.
MAYBE SHE MIXED YOUR NAME UP WITH NATSUME'S.
THAT'S YOUR THEORY?! A MIX-UP?!
I KNOW THEY'RE ALWAYS ADDRESSED TO NATSUME, BUT...
...IT EVEN HAD MY NAME INSIDE THE LETTER, TOO!
WHO WAS IT FROM?
BADUM
A SECOND-YEAR GIRL CALLED JUN KINOSHITA.
BADUM
TENMA, DO YOU KNOW HER?
BADUM
N-NO...
SO...

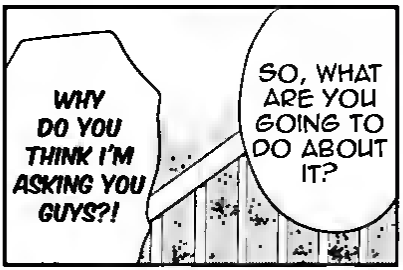
Sigh...
YOU WENT TO ALL THAT TROUBLE TO SEND NATSUME HOME FIRST AND DRAGGED US OUT HERE...FOR THIS?
Geez, I wouldn't have guessed...
THAT'S COLD, TOJI!
I CAN'T TALK TO NATSUME ABOUT THIS!
IT'S AN ISSUE FOR OTHER GUYS--
BUT NATSUME'S A GUY TOO.
?
?
?

NATSUME IS A SERIOUS, TALENTED STUDENT, BUT...
...HE CAN BE PRETTY UPTIGHT, RIGHT?
W-WELL, YES...
HE WOULD FLIP IF HE KNEW HIS DUNCE OF A FAMILIAR...
...WAS WASTING TIME ON ANYTHING BESIDES STUDYING MAGIC.
THE DUNCE


HUH?
IDIOT...
TENMA.
OH.
WELL... ...

DO WHAT YOU WANT, IT'S YOUR FUNERAL EITHER WAY...
SHUDDER
HEY, HANG ON!
ARE YOU TRYING TO JINX ME, TALKING LIKE THAT?


Oho...
OF COURSE A LOVE AFFAIR WOULD BE OFF-LIMITS.
OH... SO THAT'S IT...


SO, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
WHY DO YOU THINK I'M ASKING YOU GUYS?!

BLU-U-USH
A D-DATE?!
Y-YOU'RE RIGHT... I GUESS MEETING HER WOULD COUNT ...
WHAT? SHE ASKED YOU ON A DATE? NICE!
SO, WHAT DID THIS PRECIOUS LETTER SAY?
SHE ASKED ME TO MEET HER TOMOR-ROW SINCE IT'S A HOLIDAY...
EUREKA!
OH, I GET IT!
HUH? YOU DON'T WANT TO GO ON A DATE WITH HER?
I-IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANT TO...
BUT, A DATE?
THAT'S A LITTLE...
HMM...
HARUTORA, IS THERE SOMEBODY ELSE YOU LIKE?
WHAT ?!
BA-DUMP!
O-OF COURSE NOT! I DON'T--
THEN WHY ARE YOU WORRIED?

YOU'RE NOT INTO LITTLE KIDS AFTER ALL, ARE YOU...?
THAT'S NOT IT!!
Whaddaya mean, after all?!
STA-A-A-ARE...
WELL, SHE MAY BE AN UPPER-CLASS-MAN, BUT SHE DID INVITE YOU.
Ha ha ha
CHILD
LOLI-CON
BOY'S LOVE
I'M DROWN-ING IN CRAZY RUMORS RIGHT NOW...
BUT SHE STILL SENT ME A LOVE LETTER!
I CAN'T STAND UP A GIRL LIKE THAT.
UFA!
TOP
LOVER
YOU PROBABLY SHOULDN'T IGNORE HER.
I GUESS NOT...
SO, WHAT SHOULD WE DO TOGETHER?
I'VE...
...GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
I SEE...

HMM...
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...
RUMBLE
I THOUGHT HE'D BEEN ACTING FUNNY SINCE LUNCH, BUT...
NOW I GET IT...
THANK YOU, KON. YOU'VE BEEN VERY HELP-FUL.
OH?
YOU HAVEN'T ANY REASON TO THANK ME.
I WAS MERELY REFLECTING ON THE EVENTS OF THE DAY.
AHA...
YOU WEREN'T REALLY TELLING ON ANYONE, KON.
YOU JUST HAPPENED TO BE TALKING TO YOURSELF.

SHE MAY BE A STUDENT, BUT I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HER.
AS MY MASTER'S PROTECTOR, I CANNOT ALLOW...
...SOME RANDOM MAGIC-USING GIRL TO GET CLOSE TO HIM.
I AM HIS FAMILIAR TO THE END, AFTER ALL.
...I SEE. I MISUNDERSTOOD YOU, KON.
YOU'RE A TRULY ADMIRABLE FAMILIAR.
HARUTORA IS VERY LUCKY...
TOMORROW...
...WILL BE A BUSY DAY.
CHATTER
AH!
HARUTORA!!
CHATTER
CHATTER

YOU CAME!
H--
HEY.
NICE TO MEET YOU! I'M JUN KINOSHITA.
BA-DUMP!
N... NICE TO MEET YOU, TOO.
Oh, man!
SH... SHE'S EXACTLY MY TYPE...!
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
I'M SO GLAD YOU CAME!
ACTU-ALLY, I WAS A LITTLE WOR-RIED.
THERE ARE LOTS OF RUMORS ABOUT YOU LATELY...
TH-THOSE ARE ALL LIES!
MY DORM MOTHERS WERE SPREAD-ING THEM!
THEY WERE?
YEAH! THAT'S WHY I CAME TO SEE YOU TODAY!

MUMBLE
I SEE...
MUMBLE
BUT...
IN THAT CASE...
MUMBLE
HUH? WHAT?
OH! I'M SORRY, NEVER MIND.
THANK YOU FOR COMING!
LET'S HAVE FUN TODAY!
Y--
YEAH!
BA-DUMP!
BEAM
SHUDDER
...URK!
GLANCE
GLANCE
WHAT'S WRONG?
.....?!
S-SORRY, IT'S NOTHING.
OH?
THEN SHALL WE GO?
OH!
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE ON THE MOVE!

FIDGET
FIDGET
AND WOW, SHE'S CUTER THAN I EXPECTED!
WAY TO GO, HARU-TORA!
I WAS AGAINST FOLLOW-ING THEM, BEFORE ...
...BUT THIS IS ACTU-ALLY PRETTY FUN!
...TEN-MA.
DID YOU SENSE SOME-THING WEIRD JUST NOW?
SOMETHING WEIRD? NOT LIKE SPIRITUAL POWER OR MAGIC?
A KINDA MURDER-OUS, GRISLY FEELING...
I KNOW IT'S UNLIKELY, BUT WE HAVE TO EXPECT THE UNEX-PECTED.
FORGET HARU-TORA, I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE GIRL.
WHAT? BUT HARUTORA WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING BAD TO A GIRL!
NOT HARU-TORA...
ANYWAY, DON'T LET THEM OUT OF YOUR SIGHT.
AND HAVEN'T YOU GOTTEN IN TOUCH WITH KURAHASHI YET?
RIGID
RIGID
YEAH... SHE SAID SHE HAD AN ER-RAND...

...HUH?
SHFF
IF THINGS GO SOUTH, WE MIGHT NEED BACKUP.
LOOK, JUST TELL HER TO GET OVER HERE.
BUT DO WE REALLY NEED TO BRING HER INTO THIS?
FWOOSH
KA-CLUNK!
WHAT.

EEK!
SHFF-
?!
BOOM!
IN FACT IT'S NOT WINDY AT ALL TODAY...
Haah
Haah
...
BUT... THAT'S SO WEIRD.
I DIDN'T FEEL ANY WIND OR ANYTHING.
WHERE DID IT COME FLYING FROM? THAT'S DANGEROUS!
A SIGN ...?!
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
WEIRD THING #1
@ RESTAURANT
SPLASH!
Welcome to the--ahh!
...
THINGS KEEP HAPPENING...
ISN'T THIS A STRANGE DAY?

WEIRD THING #4
REEK
REEK

WEIRD THING #3
PIGEON
POOP
SPLOT

WEIRD THING #2
CRASH!
THUMP

WEIRD THING #7
@ STREET
CRASHHH!

WEIRD THING #6
@ ARCADE
Welcome to the- ahh
停電
BLACKOUT

WEIRD THING #5
@ STORE
Welcome to the-- ahh!
CLUNK
MANNEQUIN

W...
WAIT HERE, OKAY?
DASH!

HARU-TORA?
FIDGET
FIDGET
IT CAN'T BE...
FIDGET
NO... BUT...

SILENCE...
HUH...?
KON?

I'M OVER HERE...

SOMETHING WEIRD IS GOING ON, RIGHT?
WHISPER
KON!
KON, ARE YOU THERE?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
WHISPER

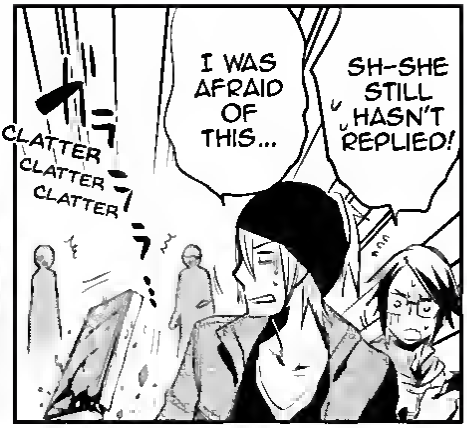
AS THINGS STAND ...
YOU'VE NOTHING TO FEAR.
I'M GETTING SCARED FOR MY LIFE...
Don't scare me like that!
WHAT? SO YOU ARE HERE!
HEY, ISN'T THIS WEIRD?
THEN...I GUESS IT'S FINE, BUT...
Y-YOU WOULD ...?
I WOULD PROTECT IT AT THE RISK OF MY OWN. DO NOT WORRY.
IN THE UNLIKELY CASE THAT I JUDGED YOUR LIFE TO BE IN DANGER ...
YOUR HAND!
YOU'RE INJURED!
PONDER...
That was weird.
HARU-TORA, ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY?
OH!

THERE!
OH... YEAH. MUST HAVE BEEN THAT SIGN.
I'M FINE, IT'S JUST A SCRATCH.
NO, YOU'RE NOT.
LET ME SEE IT.
MAKE SURE TO DISINFECT IT AS SOON AS--
TH-THANKS...
RUMBLE
OH...
BA-DUMP...

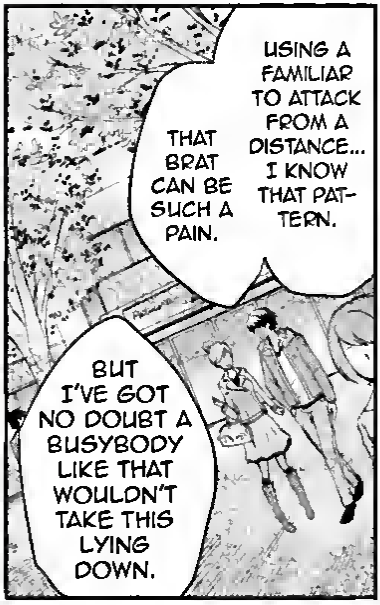
RUMBLE
EEK!
WHOA!
RUMBLE
SILENCE
SSS...
KO...
KON? WASN'T THAT --
YOU'VE NOTHING TO FEAR.
BOOM!
CLANG!
WHERE THE HELL IS KURA-HASHI?!
A FEW MINUTES EARLIER--

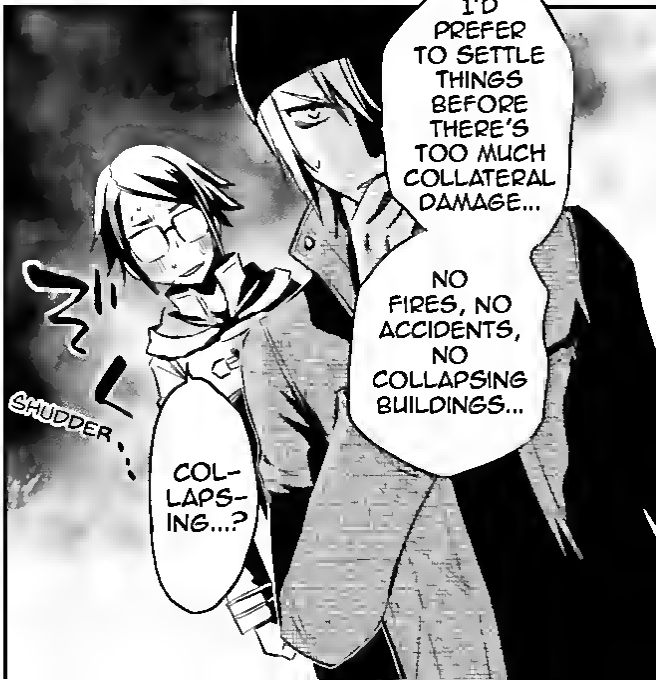
RUMBLE
EEK!
WHOA!
RUMBLE
BOOM!
SILENCE
SSS...
KO...
KON? WASN'T THAT --
YOU'VE NOTHING TO FEAR.
WHERE THE HELL IS KURA-HASHI?!
CLANG!
A FEW MINUTES EARLIER--

TO-TOJI? I THINK I'VE BEEN SENSING SOME MAGIC--
WILL YOU QUIT WAITING FOR A REPLY AND JUST CALL KURA-HASHI?
EVERY SECOND MIGHT COUNT!


SH-SHE STILL HASN'T REPLIED!
I WAS AFRAID OF THIS...
CLATTER CLATTER CLATTER

DAMN, I CAN'T TRACE THE SOURCE OF THE MAGIC. ARE THEY HIDDEN?
WHOEVER THEY ARE, THEY'RE WAY OVER-POWERED FOR THIS...
IT'S NO USE! HER CELL PHONE ISN'T PICKING UP!
HMM...


USING A FAMILIAR TO ATTACK FROM A DISTANCE... I KNOW THAT PAT-TERN.
THAT BRAT CAN BE SUCH A PAIN.
BUT I'VE GOT NO DOUBT A BUSYBODY LIKE THAT WOULDN'T TAKE THIS LYING DOWN.


I'D PREFER TO SETTLE THINGS BEFORE THERE'S TOO MUCH COLLATERAL DAMAGE...
NO FIRES, NO ACCIDENTS, NO COLLAPSING BUILDINGS...
SHUDDER...
COL-LAPS-ING...?

GOOD LUCK GETTING HIM TO ADMIT ANYTHING LIKE THAT...
HARUTORA REALLY DOES HAVE A GIRL HE LIKES?
S-SO IT'S TRUE?
YOU THINK YOU CAN BLOW HER OFF, JUST BECAUSE YOU AREN'T DATING?
JEEZ. HARUTORA, YOU MORON.
ORDER!
HUH?
A-AN EARTHQUAKE?
RUMBLE...
IT R-REALLY IS MAGIC?!
WHOA?
EEEK!
BA-DOOM!
!!
OVER THERE!
Did somebody say "Order"?
SO, IT REALLY IS YOU!
KNOCK IT OFF ALREADY, NATS--
SHUT UP!!

I CAN'T...
...HOLD BACK ANY MORE...
SCREEE...
N... NATSUME?
IT'S... IT'S NO GOOD...
SHIVER
SHIVER
THAT...
STUPID...
TORAA-AA-AA...!
HOW DARE HE...
STUPID-TORA...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
WHAP!
ORDER!
ARE YOU FOL-LOWING HARU-TORA, TOO--
TOJI, WHAT'S GOING... OH! NATSU-ME?
WHY ARE YOU WEAR-ING THAT?
TMP
TMP
TMP
NATSUME, THIS IS GOING WAY TOO FAR--
TENMA, HANG ON!
H-HEY! NATSUME ?!
CRUMPLE...

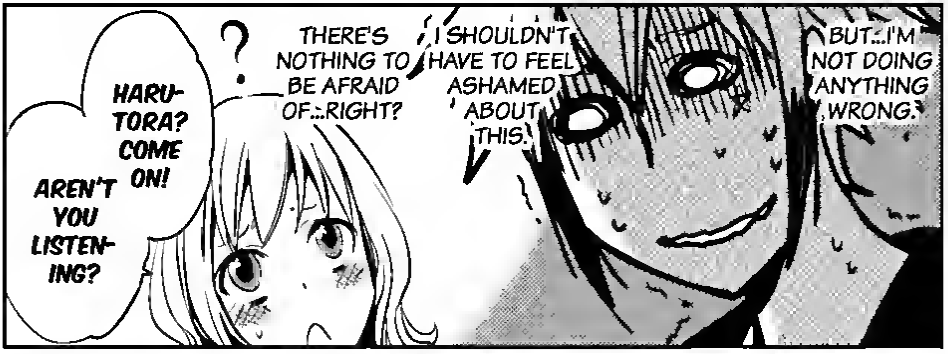
RUMBLE
...THEN AGAIN, MAYBE NOT.
YOU'RE TOTALLY WITHIN YOUR RIGHTS. SURE.
GRR...
...RR... RRR!
GAH...
GRK!
RUMBLE
PER-FECTLY !!
CALM!!
I AM!!
R...RIGHT. YOU'RE CALM. TOTALLY CHILL.
RUMBLE...
O-OKAY, NATSU-ME. I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BUT COOL IT.
STAY CALM--
I THINK THEY'RE TAKING SHEL-TER.
AH! THEY'RE MOVING ON AGAIN!
WILL YOU STOP THAT?!
DON'T THEY LOOK SICK WITH FRIGHT?
...AND LOVEY-DOVEY WITH HER!
LOOK AT HIM, ALL HAPPY ...
AND WHOSE FAULT IS IT HE GOT HURT?
AS A PRES-ENT!
SH-SHE GAVE HIM A HAND-KER-CHIEF!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

BOOM!
I'LL FOLLOW THEM TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH!!
SHE'S LOST IT...
HEY.
WHY?
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE SNEAKING AND SPYING?
FLINCH
NATSUME?
WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING HARUTORA AROUND?

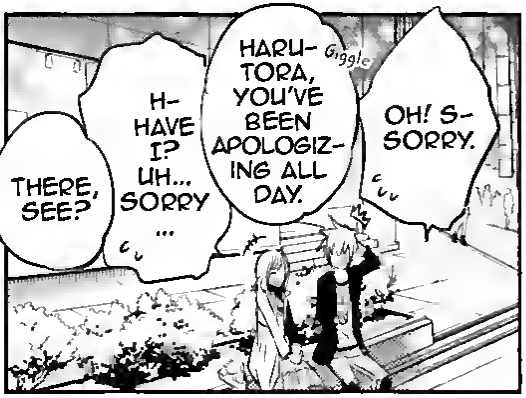
HE'S YOUR FAMILIAR, OF COURSE
...BUT HE DOESN'T "BELONG" TO YOU.
HA!
H-HARU-TORA IS MY--
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY REAS-ON TO BUTT IN.
IT'S HIS BUSINESS WHO HE HANGS OUT WITH.
.....
HEY, JUST THIS ONCE...
...WHY NOT TRY BEING A LITTLE MORE HONEST?
HON-EST...?
YEAH.
...TRY TELLING HIM HOW YOU REALLY FEEL.
INSTEAD OF BULLYING HIM LIKE THAT...
OKAY?
SHFF
.....
Oh...
NA-TSU--

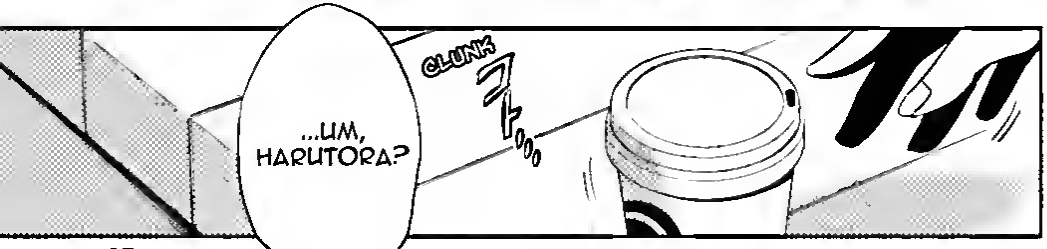
A FAMILIAR "BELONGS" ...
...TO ITS MASTER.
CRASH
TINKLE!
I'M GOING TO FOLLOW THEM.
SHUDDER
NO COMPLAINTS, RIGHT?
'C-COURSE NOT.
NOT AT ALL.
BUT...

I-I KNEW IT...
SHIVER
IT'S GOTTA BE NA-TSU--
SHIVER
HARU-TORA?
THANK YOU FOR TODAY.
SHIVER


HARU-TORA? COME ON! AREN'T YOU LISTEN-ING?
?
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF...RIGHT?
I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO FEEL ASHAMED ABOUT THIS.
BUT...I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING WRONG.

Ha ha ha
Hee hee hee


THERE, SEE?
H-HAVE I? UH... SORRY ...
HARU-TORA, YOU'VE BEEN APOLOGIZ-ING ALL DAY.
Giggle
OH! S-SORRY.


...UM, HARUTORA?
CLUNK

HOW DO YOU...
...FEEL ABOUT ME?
STARE...
AFTER TODAY...
HUH?
BA-DUMP

DO YOU THINK YOU'D LIKE TO TRY...
...GOING OUT WITH ME?
...AH.
...
...THANK YOU FOR THE LETTER.
IT MADE ME HAPPY.
GASP!
!
HARU--
HIYA, HARUTORA!

FANCY MEETING...
...YOU HERE!
...TSU...
...ME?
NA...
HAHA, COME ON!
HOW COME YOU LOOK...
SHIVER
SHIVER
I...I'M NOT?
RUMBLE
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
...SO SURPRISED, HUH?

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
...!
...KO...
...WHY DON'T WE GO BACK TO THE DORM?
SO, FOR NOW...
SHOOO-OOOM...
KON?!
ISN'T MY LIFE IN DANGER NOW?!
LORD NATSUME IS YOUR MASTER.
I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT YOU MEAN.
Huh?
HOW COME YOU ONLY GET ALONG AT TIMES LIKE THIS?!
AND SINCE WHEN DO YOU CALL NATSUME "LORD"?!
I UH YOU UH WE UH...
WERE YOU THE ONE WHO TOLD ON ME?!
Wait!
...HARU-TORA.

NATSUME, WOULD YOU PLEASE GO AWAY?
HUH?
WHAT?! DON'T TALK LIKE I'M DEAD ALREADY!
WE'LL GATHER YOUR ASHES, BUDDY.
What are you doing here?!
DING
TOJI AND TENMA?!
HARUTORA AND I ARE ON A DATE.
Eeeeek!
A-ABSO-LUTELY NOT!
IF YOU WANT TO GO HOME, DO IT ALONE.
HARU-TORA IS MY FAMILI-AR--
SO WHAT?
FWUMPH

Sigh...
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH IT?
Hmph!
I'M HIS MASTER!
ARE YOU SAYING YOU WON'T LET YOUR FAMILIAR FALL IN LOVE?
DO YOU EVEN HAVE THAT RIGHT?
IT'S FINE, ISN'T IT?
IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT HOW IT WOULD LOOK...
...I DON'T MIND KEEPING OUR RELATIONSHIP A SECRET.
...!!
.....
SNIFF...
KINO-SHITA?

I'M SORRY.
WHAT--
OH! NATSUME?!
KURA-HASHI?
TOJI? OH, AND TENMA?
Sorry, I forgot to text you back!
Hey, what's wrong, Tenma?
Yay!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
OH MY!

KINO-SHITA, HOW UNUSU-AL!
AND DRESSED LIKE THAT, TOO!
K-KYOKO ?!
GASP!!
YOU'RE NOT FLIRTING WITH NATSUME, ARE YOU?
DON'T YOU DARE! HE'S A NICE BOY, SO DON'T GO USING YOUR WILES ON HIM!
YOU TWO KNOW EACH OTHER?
WHO, JUN AND ME?
YEAH, WE SHARE MAKEUP TIPS.
LOOK, ISN'T HE SUPER CUTE?
YOU'D NEVER GUESS HE WAS A BOY!

FWUMP
SPLAT
...WHAT?
A...
BOOM!
B-B-BOY...?
SO...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME LIKING SOME-BODY?!
PEOPLE LIKE ME HAVE RIGHTS THESE DAYS, DON'T WE?!
SO WHAT? HUH?
GAHH!
YOU DON'T CARE, RIGHT?
I'M STILL CUTE, EVEN IF I AM A BOY?
GRR...
NGH... WHY... WHY...?
Did I say some-thing wrong?
OH DEAR...
THUMP...
RIGHT, HARU-TORA?
GLARE!
POOF...
I KNOW...

SNIFFLE
YOU'RE... YOU'RE JUST LIKE ME...!
I KNOW JUST HOW YOU FEEL...
OH, JUN, I NEVER REALIZED!
SNIFFLE
NA- TSUME, NO...
THAT'S NOT WHAT HE MEANT BY "PEOPLE LIKE--"
SO YOU'RE ALSO IN THE SAME KIND OF SITUATION AS ME!
I...I'M SO MOVED!
SOB!
HUH?
SHOO!
SHOO!
PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT!
NO WAY!
WHAT?! THIS ISN'T A JOKE!
I DON'T WANT A FRIEND WHO'S PRETTIER THAN I AM!
I'M SORRY FOR EVERYTHING! PLEASE, LET ME BE YOUR FRIEND!

UM...
OKAY...?
RUSTLE RUSTLE
RUSTLE
Sigh...
Pleeeease!
HARU-TORA, HELP ME!
NOOO-OOO-OOO...
WHAT... JUST HAPPENED?
...I'M GOING HOME.
LET GO OF MEEEEE...
END OF CHAPTER 17

TOKYO
RAVENS

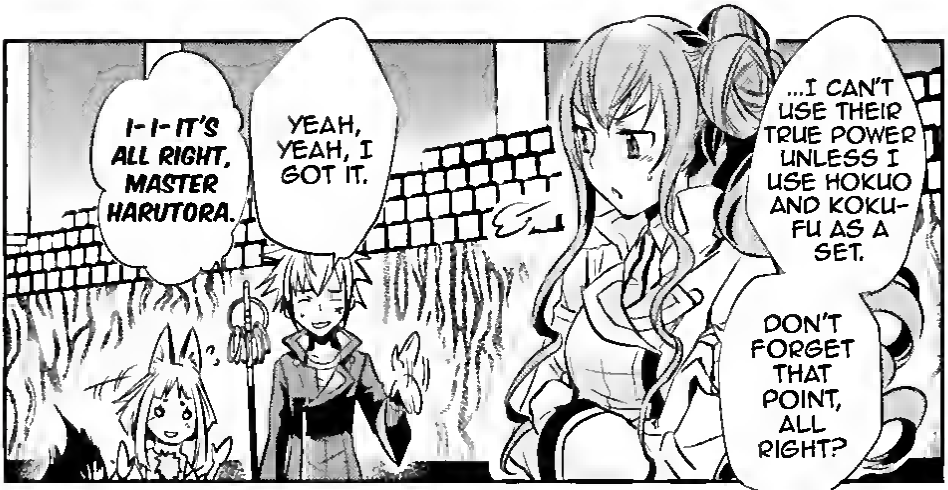
Gulp...
THIS IS THE ROOM...
...FOR THE BOY WHO GOT CAUGHT IN THE DISAS-TER?
WOULD YOU RATHER NOT GO IN?
SHAKE
SHAKE
CHA
LAST
CLICK...
INHALE...

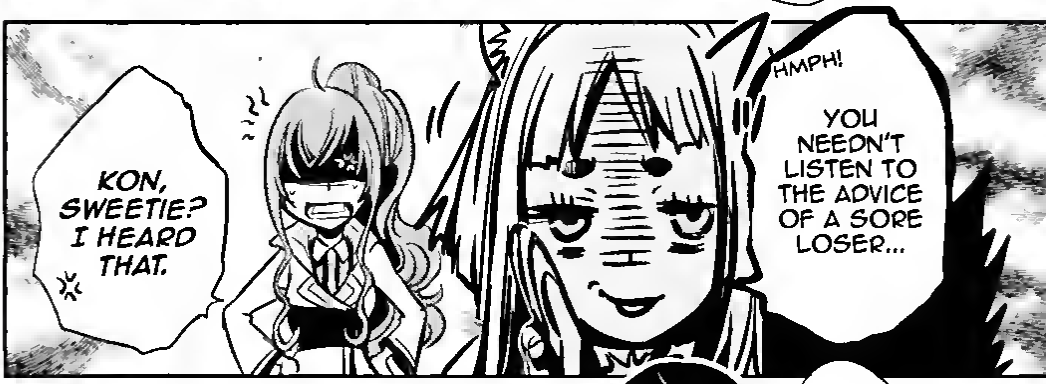
CHAPTER 18
LAST NIGHT

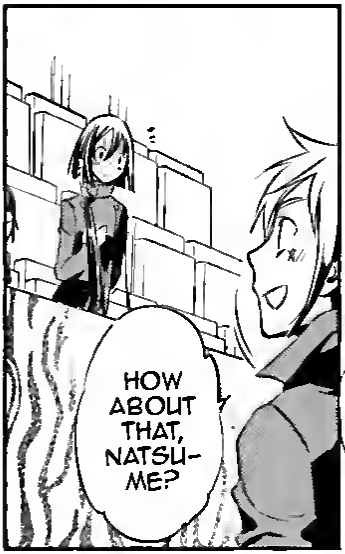
IT'S BEEN SIX MONTHS SINCE WE TRANS-FERRED TO ONMYO PREP.
NOW, THE GREAT TRIAL KNOWN AS...
...THE PROMO-TIONAL EXAMS...
...IS HANGING OVER OUR HEADS--
CLANG
CLACK
SKFF
CRASH!

SWING!
SHFF
FWOOSH!
NOW!
HRA-
AA-
AA-
AH!
WHAM!
FWOO...
ZZZ
ZZZ

GOTCHA!
CLACK!
HOW ABOUT THAT? WE TOTALLY KICKED YOUR BUTTS!
W-W-WELL DONE, MASTER HARU-TORA!!
URK!
FWOOSH...
HMPH, DON'T GET TOO COCKY...
I-I'M SO VERY HONORED!!
Y-YOU REALLY THINK SO?
YOUR TIMING WAS SPOT-ON, TOO, KON!
WAG
WAG


I-I-IT'S ALL RIGHT, MASTER HARUTORA.
YEAH, YEAH, I GOT IT.
...I CAN'T USE THEIR TRUE POWER UNLESS I USE HOKUO AND KOKU-FU AS A SET.
DON'T FORGET THAT POINT, ALL RIGHT?

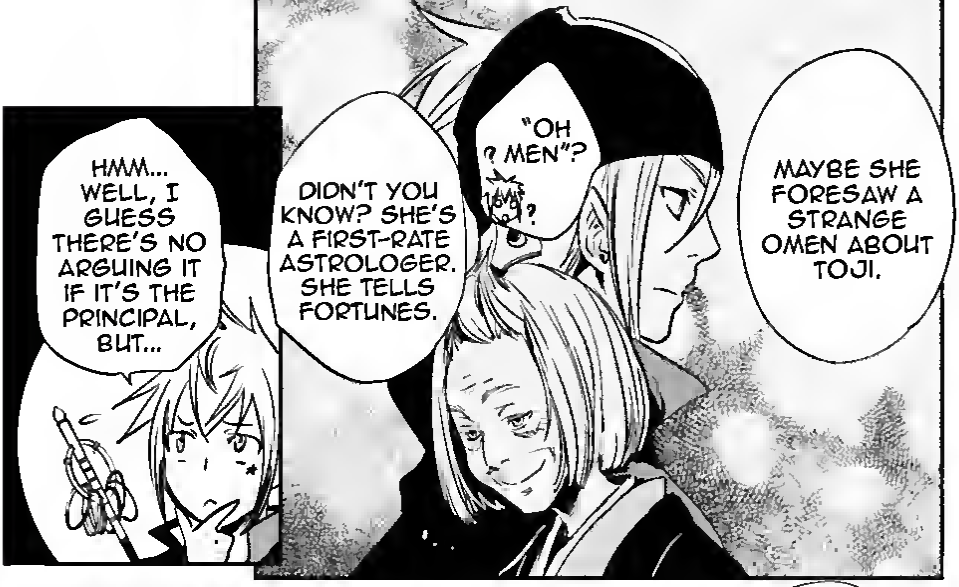

KON, SWEETIE? I HEARD THAT.
HMPH!
YOU NEEDN'T LISTEN TO THE ADVICE OF A SORE LOSER...


HOW ABOUT THAT, NATSU-ME?

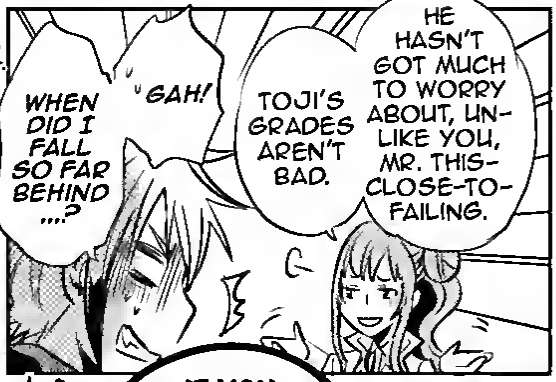
...
BUT THIS YEAR YOUR VICTORY RATE IS 50-50!
YOU'RE IMPROVING SO FAST!
HARU-TORA, THAT WAS AMAZING!
YOU COULDN'T EVEN MAKE A DENT IN KURAHASHI THE FIRST TIME YOU SPARRED WITH HER!

THE PRACTICAL EXAM CONTENT WON'T BE REVEALED UNTIL TOMORROW, BUT...
...THERE'S NO WAY YOU'LL BE BATTLING ANOTHER MAGIC USER AND FAMILIAR FOR YOUR EXAM!
DISMAL FAILURE
惨敗
STUPID-TORA!
THE WRITTEN PORTION OF THE EXAM MIGHT BE A LOSS, BUT...
...WITH MY SKILLS, THE PRACTICAL EXAM WILL BE A BREEZE!
SNICKER SNICKER
?
AND AREN'T YOU MOSTLY CONVERTING SPIRITUAL POWER TO MAGIC WITH THAT STAFF?
YOU CAN'T BRING MAGICAL TOOLS LIKE THAT TO THE EXAMS!
WELL, NO, BUT...
Can't you be nice for once?
SULK
HMPH!
snicker
WELL, YOU...
What's so funny?
W-WHAT IS IT, TENMA?
YOU SAY THAT NOW, BUT...
snicker

He did it!
He did it!
YOU GOT ALL RED AND EXCITED WHEN HARUTORA WON, JUST A MINUTE AGO!
WHA...?!
BLU-U-USH
BUT I BUT HE BUT WE...
あわあわあわあわ
I WOULD NEVER...I MEAN, NO WAY!
I-I WAS MERELY... UH, JUST ...
NATSUME, WATCH IT!!
Your girliness is showing!
HE WENT TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE.
Shouldn't he be here, too?
WHERE'S TOJI?
THAT CALICO CAT FAMILIAR SAID SHE NEEDED TO SPEAK WITH HIM.
PRIN-CIPAL'S OFFICE ...?
JEEZ, I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE HASN'T BEEN FOUND OUT BY NOW...
MUTTER
MUTTER
HEY, WAIT...
I WONDER WHAT'S SO IMPOR-TANT?
Do you know, Kyokor
WHO KNOWS?
BUT, KNOWING THAT OLD LADY...


HMM... WELL, I GUESS THERE'S NO ARGUING IT IF IT'S THE PRINCIPAL, BUT...
DIDN'T YOU KNOW? SHE'S A FIRST-RATE ASTROLOGER. SHE TELLS FORTUNES.
"OH ? MEN"?
MAYBE SHE FORESAW A STRANGE OMEN ABOUT TOJI.

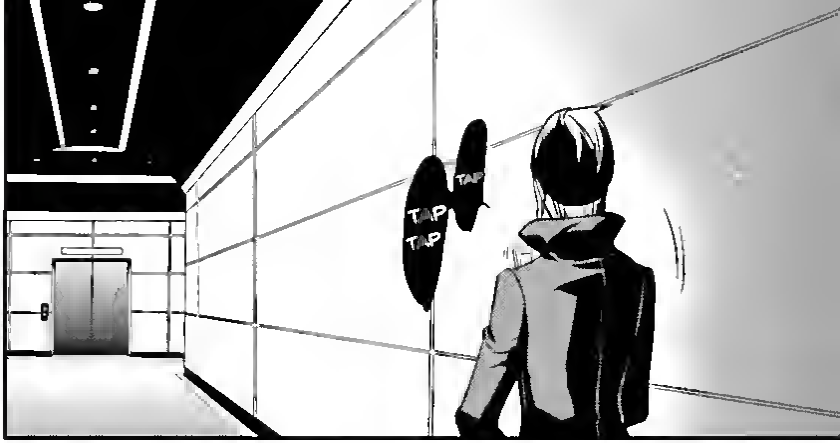
I can't even say you're wrong!
ARE YOU SAYING I WAS BORN THIS WAY?!
M-M-MASTER HARUTORA!
YOU'VE BEEN FALLING BEHIND SINCE YOU WERE BORN.
Oh, dear.


WHEN DID I FALL SO FAR BEHIND ....?
GAH!
TOJI'S GRADES AREN'T BAD.
HE HASN'T GOT MUCH TO WORRY ABOUT, UNLIKE YOU, MR. THIS-CLOSE-TO-FAILING.

SLUMP...
KON... SO EVEN YOU THINK SO...?
AH?! OH, NO, I...
Ahem!
Pa ha ha
ANY-WAY, HARU-TORA...
Ha ha
STAB
STAB
IF YOU LET IT GET TO YOU, IT'S LIKE SHE'S WON! DON'T SWEAT IT!
URGH...

THE EXAMS ARE TOMOR-ROW!
AT LEAST PRACTICE YOUR MAGIC FORMATION A LITTLE MORE!
SPIRITUAL POWER IS YOUR ONLY STRONG POINT.
IF YOU GET BETTER AT CONVERTING IT INTO MAGIC...
...YOU SHOULD BE JUST ABOUT COVERED...
...AS FAR AS THE SECOND-YEAR PROMOTION EXAM LEVELS GO!
SLAM
塾長室
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
Sigh...

...FU-
TURE...
...
POTEN-
TIAL...?
GRIP
...WHAT
FUTURE?
VRRP...
受信メール
NEW MESSAGE
FROM 春虎
FROM:
HARUTORA
塾長に呼び出し
くらったって？
今度は何しでかした！
HEARD YOU GOT
CALLED TO THE
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE!
WHAT'D YOU DO THIS
TIME?
VRRP...
...
HEH...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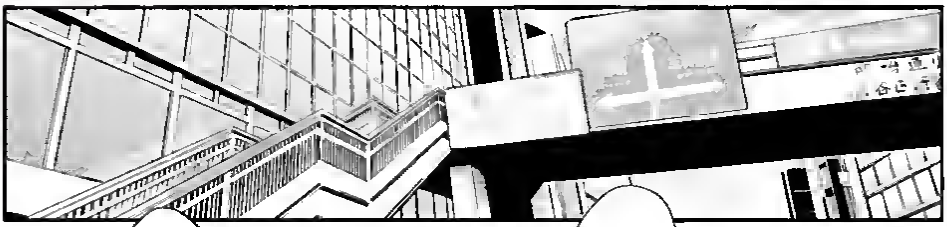


DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
WE OWED YOU FOR SIX MONTHS AGO.
THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING.

YOU INTEND TO DIE, YES?
BUT IT SEEMS A SHAME.
EVEN THOUGH THE FESTIVAL WILL STILL CONTINUE ON...
...

WE'LL BE SITTING THIS ONE OUT QUIETLY.
AT LEAST UNTIL THINGS ARE MORE OR LESS WRAPPED UP.
SURE. BUT COULD YOU TELL--
I KNOW, I KNOW.
WELL, TRY TO MAKE IT A REAL SHOW. AT LEAST IT MIGHT RELIEVE MY BOREDOM.
MASTER DOMA.
THIS IS IT. THANK YOU...
MUCH OBLIGED. WELL...
SHOOM
...CHIEF DAIRENJI.
I HOPE YOU'RE WATCHING ...

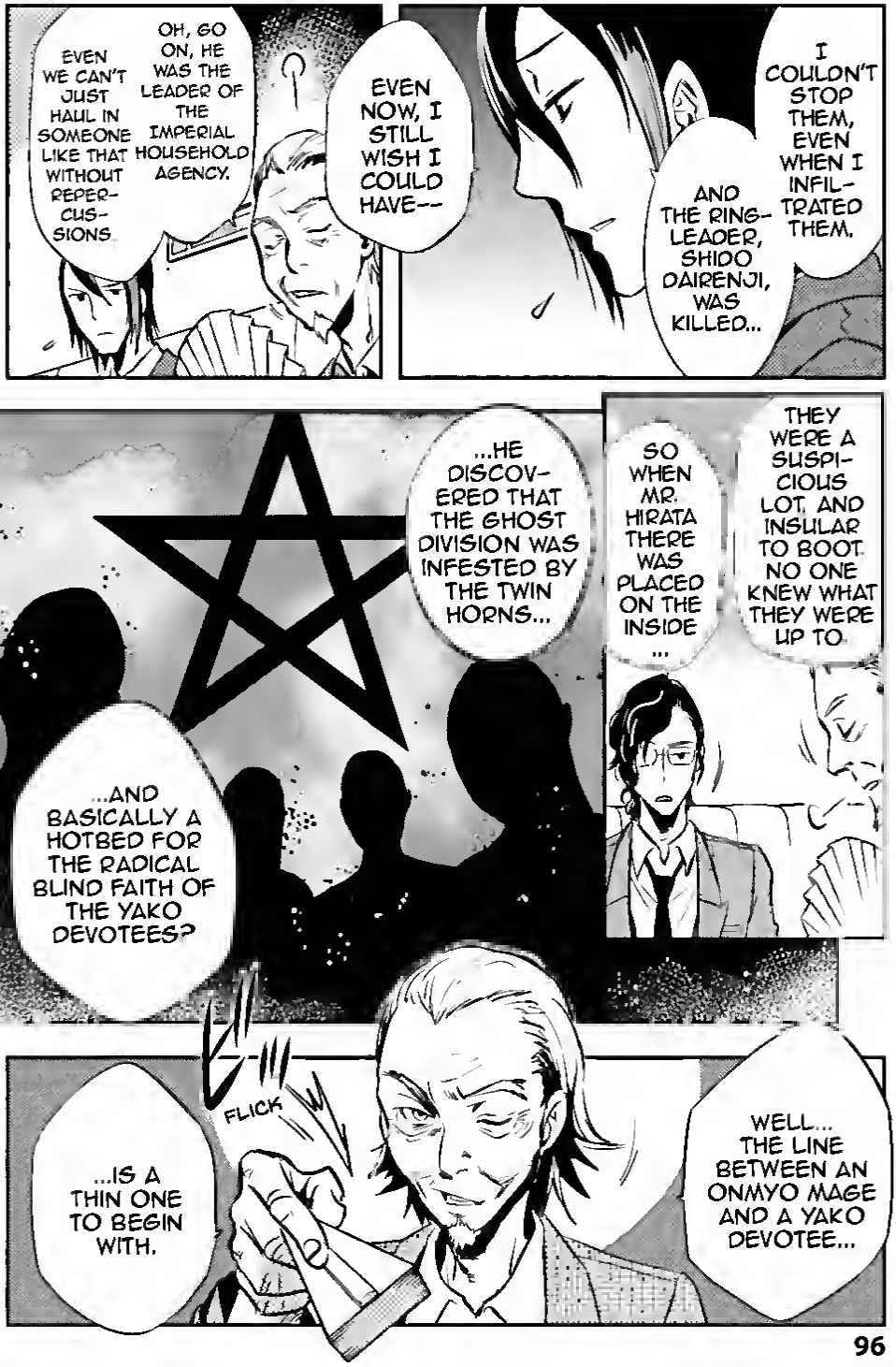
SHFF
THE...KING OF THE NORTH STAR...?!
...IT MUST BE.
PLEASE --

...?
THAT BOY JUST NOW
WHERE HAVE I--

TWO YEARS AGO, AN ARTIFICIAL SPIRITUAL DISASTER STRUCK THE CITY... THE "MOMO-NO-SEKKU PURIFICATION."
THAT FIRST-EVER ACT OF SPIRITUAL DISASTER TERRORISM, PERPETRATED BY THE GHOST DIVISION, AN INTERNAL DIVISION OF THE IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD AGENCY ...
...WAS PURIFIED BY THE EXORCISM BUREAU, THOUGH NOT EASILY.

HIS UNDERLINGS, MEMBERS OF THE TWIN HORN SYNDICATE, WERE ARRESTED BY THE MAGICAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU.
THE GHOST DIVISION ITSELF WAS CLOSED DOWN AND DISBANDED
BUT THE RINGLEADER, SHIDO DAIRENJI, WHO WAS HEAD OF THE GHOST DIVISION AT THE TIME...
...WAS KILLED BY THE VERY DISASTER HE CAUSED.
YES, I WORK FOR THE PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF THE AGENCY'S MAGICAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION.
I'M CURRENTLY OVERSEEING AN INVESTIGATION OF A TWIN HORN SYNDICATE SECRET SOCIETY.
...WAS ATSUNE HIRATA HERE, THE HOPE OF THE MAGICAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION.
AND THE ONE WHO BROUGHT THEM DOWN.
ALSO KNOWN AS YOUR REPLACEMENT, OTOMO.
DAIZEN AMAMI, HEAD OF THE ONMYO AGENCY'S MAGICAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION
OH...?
AFTER ALL...
I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU, MR. OTOMO.
IT'S AN HONOR TO FINALLY MEET YOU.

THIS IS A SECRET MEETING WITH "DIVINE FAN" DAIZEN AMAMI, AND HIS FORMER RIGHT-HAND MAN "SHADOW."
MY, MY... IT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE A MAN THANK HIS LUCKY STARS.
CHIEF AMAMI?
HE GOT WIND OF THIS MEETING ON HIS OWN.
Gahh...
NO NEED TO WORRY. HE'S DISCREET.
IS THAT SO ...?
AH, BUT I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU, TOO, MR. HIRATA.
YOU INFILTRATED THE GHOST DIVISION AND ROUNDED UP ALL THE DIRTY MEMBERS, DIDN'T YOU?
YES...
HOWEVER, THAT WAS NO MORE THAN A PART OF THE TWIN HORN SYNDICATE.
THEY REMAIN ACTIVE, AND MAY EVEN BE WITHIN THE AGENCY...
...AS I'M SURE YOU KNOW, MR. OTOMO.
AFTER ALL, YOU WERE THE FIRST TO NOTICE THEIR EXISTENCE-- AND HAVE TRACKED THEM ON YOUR OWN FOR YEARS.
OH, NOT AT ALL.
I QUIT THE MAGICAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU A LONG TIME AGO.


I COULDN'T STOP THEM, EVEN WHEN I INFILTRATED THEM.
AND THE RINGLEADER, SHIDO DAIRENJI, WAS KILLED...
EVEN NOW, I STILL WISH I COULD HAVE--
OH, GO ON, HE WAS THE LEADER OF THE IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD AGENCY.
EVEN WE CAN'T JUST HAUL IN SOMEONE LIKE THAT WITHOUT REPERCUSSIONS.
THEY WERE A SUSPICIOUS LOT, AND INSULAR TO BOOT. NO ONE KNEW WHAT THEY WERE UP TO.
SO WHEN MR. HIRATA THERE WAS PLACED ON THE INSIDE ...
...HE DISCOVERED THAT THE GHOST DIVISION WAS INFESTED BY THE TWIN HORNS...
...AND BASICALLY A HOTBED FOR THE RADICAL BLIND FAITH OF THE YAKO DEVOTEES?
WELL... THE LINE BETWEEN AN ONMYO MAGE AND A YAKO DEVOTEE...
FLICK
...IS A THIN ONE TO BEGIN WITH.

WELL, SO MUCH FOR THE LONG INTRO-DUCTION.
THIS IS THE PART WHERE WE MOVE ON TO WHY WE CALLED YOU HERE.

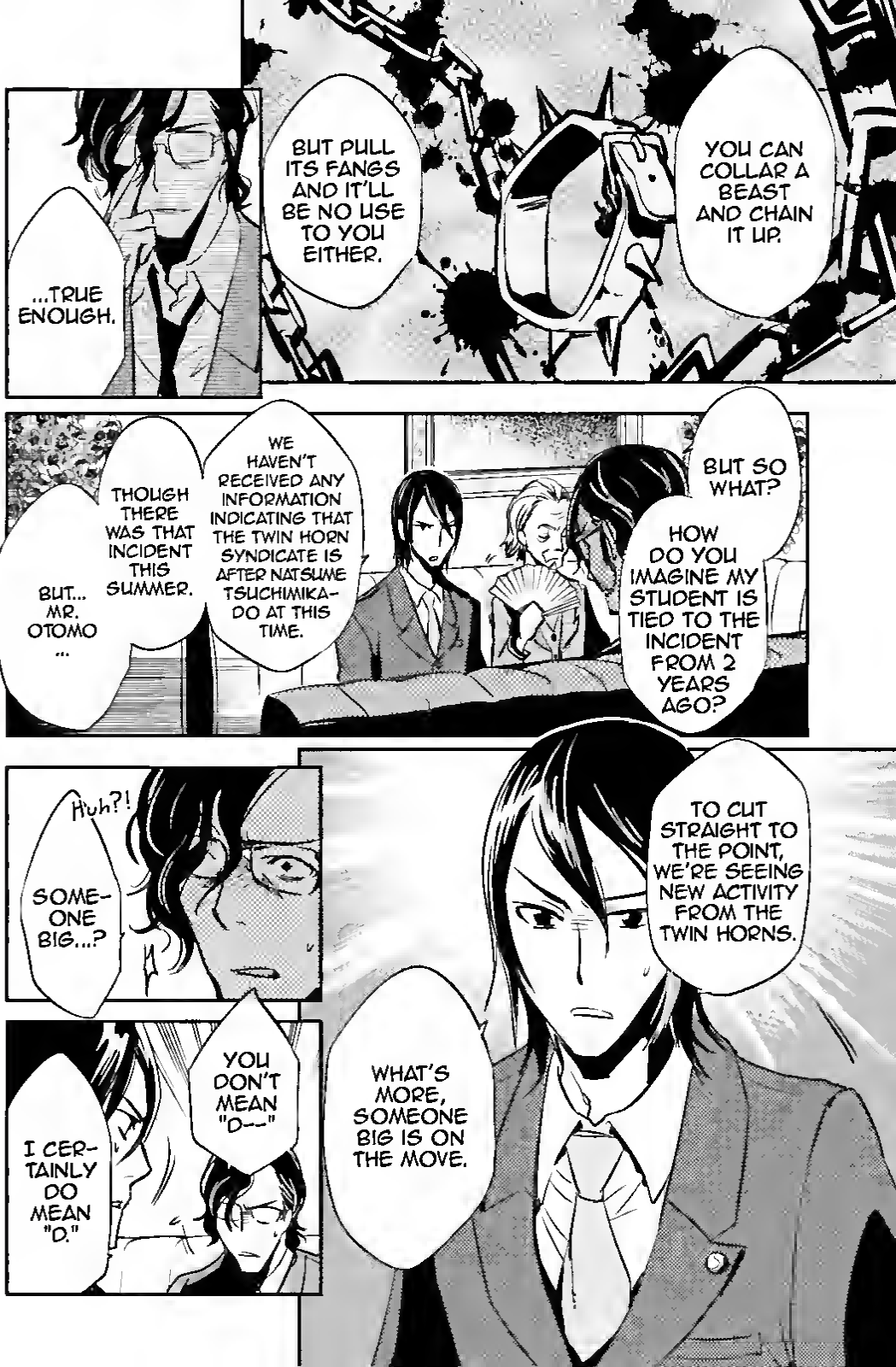
THE GHOST DIVISION WAS HANDLING SOULS, AND THERE-FORE...
...THEY SOMEHOW ENDED UP USING THE IMPERIAL METHODS ESTAB-LISHED BY YAKO.
THEY WERE STEEPED IN THE ALLURE OF YAKO TSUCHIMI-KADO AND HIS WAYS.
SO IT'S HARDLY SURPRIS-ING, IN A SENSE.

Sigh...
I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE ...

I'M JUST A CIVILIAN NOW, RIGHT?
AN ORDINARY SCHOOL TEACHER ...
Indeed.
AND I NEED TO TALK TO THAT TEACHER.
TO BE FRANK, IT'S ABOUT YOUR STUDENT--

NATSUME TSUCHIMIKADO.
...OH?
I NEVER THOUGHT TEACHING WAS REALLY YOUR STYLE, BUT...
THAT INCIDENT SIX MONTHS AGO...
...ENDED WITH ME CLEANING UP YOUR MESS, CHIEF.
WHAT HAPPENED? YOU LET THOSE YAKO DEVOTEES COME AWFULLY CLOSE...
...TO THE REAL CANDI-DATE.
THAT'S MIYO FOR YOU!
ENOUGH JOKING, SIR.
まいちゃん MIYO
THAT WOMAN CAN REALLY PICK 'EM, HUH?
カカカ Ha ha ha!
URK...
DON'T YOU HATE IT WHEN YOU GO TO SO MUCH TROUBLE TEACHING SOMEONE THE TRICKS OF THE TRADE...
...AND HE JUST SKIPS RIGHT OUT ON HIS JOB?
GLARE
Sigh...
MIYO SCOLD-ED ME THOR-OUGHLY FOR THAT.
BUT IT COULDN'T BE HELPED, WITH US SO UNDER-STAFFED.

YOUR OLD CLASSMATE KOGURE HAS BEEN WORKING NONSTOP.
Aww...
ALL KOGURE EVER WANTS TO DO IS WORK!
He likes to be used. That's just the way he is.
THE EXORCISM BUREAU AND MAGICAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU ARE BOTH SHORT ON STAFF.
THE EXORCISM BUREAU CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE MULTIPLYING SPIRITUAL DISASTERS.
KOGURE'S BEEN TAKING CARE OF EVERYTHING BACK AT THE EXORCISM BUREAU.
AND THANKS TO HIM...
...WE DON'T HAVE TO USE KAGAMI.
HUH...
GRIN
ISN'T CHIEF KURAHASHI DOUBLING AS THE HEAD OF THE BUREAU NOW?
HASN'T THE PRINCIPAL'S SON MANAGED TO TAME THAT BRAT YET?


YOU CAN COLLAR A BEAST AND CHAIN IT UP.
BUT PULL ITS FANGS AND IT'LL BE NO USE TO YOU EITHER.
...TRUE ENOUGH.
BUT SO WHAT?
HOW DO YOU IMAGINE MY STUDENT IS TIED TO THE INCIDENT FROM 2 YEARS AGO?
WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE TWIN HORN SYNDICATE IS AFTER NATSUME TSUCHIMIKADO AT THIS TIME.
THOUGH THERE WAS THAT INCIDENT THIS SUMMER.
BUT... MR. OTOMO ...
TO CUT STRAIGHT TO THE POINT, WE'RE SEEING NEW ACTIVITY FROM THE TWIN HORNS.
WHAT'S MORE, SOMEONE BIG IS ON THE MOVE.
Huh?!
SOME-ONE BIG...?
YOU DON'T MEAN "O---"
I CER-TAINLY DO MEAN "O."

THE ONE CALLED "D..."
DOMAN ASHIYA, ALSO KNOWN AS MASTER DOMA.
TRULY AN ONMYOJI OF LEGEND, SAID TO HAVE RIVALED ABE NO SEIMEI.
YOU KNEW THAT HE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE INCIDENT AT ONMYO PREP LAST SUMMER AS WELL, DIDN'T YOU?
...WELL, HE DID PRACTICALLY SHOW UP AT OUR FRONT DOOR.
AND A FEW DAYS AGO...
WE CONFIRMED THAT D MADE CONTACT WITH A MEMBER OF THE TWIN HORN SYNDICATE.
...WHO?

THE ONMYOJI CHIHIRO MUTOBE, FORMERLY OF THE IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD AGENCY'S GHOST DIVISION.
SHIDO DAIRENJI'S RIGHT-HAND MAN.

RUSTLE
ア…
CLICK
RUSTLE
YO!
…OH. IT'S JUST YOU.

WHAT'S WITH YOU, SLACKER?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU NEED A PACK OF CIGS OR SOMETHING.
SHUT UP.
I MAY DRINK, BUT I HAVE A STRICT CODE AGAINST SMOKING.
HERE!
TOSS
NOT SLEEPING, TOJI?
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
HM? NAH...
Umm...
I'M TOO NERVOUS.
WHEN I THINK HOW TOMORROW'S EXAM MIGHT DECIDE MY FUTURE...
KIIKK
...IT'S HARD TO REALLY GET ANY SLEEP.

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE HAVE TO PURIFY A SPIRITUAL DISASTER...
BUT, MAN... TOMORROW'S PRACTICAL EXAM...
NOTHING.
HM? WHAT WAS THAT?
YOU'VE SERIOUSLY GOT NO KIND OF TACT AT ALL, HUH?
KKHK
I DON'T THINK IT'S LIKE SOME FORBIDDEN SECRET.
THE PRINCIPAL ONLY TOLD YOU ABOUT IT ADVANCE, AFTER ALL.
BUT YOU SURE IT'S OKAY? YOU KNOW, YOU TELLING THE REST OF US BEFORE THE DAY OF?
MORE JUST SHOWING THAT WE CAN HANDLE IT, WITHOUT LOSING OUR HEADS.
FROM WHAT I HEARD, IT'S NOT ABOUT WHETHER WE CAN ACTUALLY PURIFY IT.
THEY TAUGHT US WHAT TO DO.
AND WE'LL GET TO REVIEW ALL DAY BEFORE TAKING THE EXAM IN THE EVENING.
...ONMYO PREP REALLY IS IMPRESSIVE.
I WONDER IF GUYS LIKE US CAN REALLY DO IT.

PHASE 1	POINT AT WHICH THE FIVE SPIRITS OF THE ONMYO CANNOT RECOVER NATURALLY.
PHASE 2	PHYSICAL DAMAGE
PHASE 3	MATERIALIZATION OF SPIRITUAL AND MAGICAL POWERS
PHASE 4	AN OUTPOURING OF SPIRITUAL DISASTERS STARTING FROM WHEN MATERIALIZED SPIRITS AND MAGIC MAINTAIN EXISTENCE. VAST NUMBERS OF SPIRITS.
FINAL PHASE	MANIFESTATION OF SPIRITS AND MAGIC THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE CATEGORY OF SPIRITUAL DISASTERS.

IT'S AT A LEVEL WHERE THERE IS NO PHYSICAL DAMAGE.

IT'S MORE LIKE THE PRECURSOR TO A SPIRITUAL DISASTER THAN ANYTHING.

ANYWAY, IT'S JUST A SIMULATION OF WHETHER A SPIRITUAL DISASTER WILL BECOME A PHASE 1 OR NOT.

AND WHAT'S MORE, I HEAR NATSUME WON'T PARTICIPATE AND HAS TO STAY IN THE BACK...

...SINCE USING HOKUTO WOULD COMPLETELY SCATTER A SPIRITUAL DISASTER OF THAT SIZE.

IT'S A JOB THAT ONLY TAKES TWO OR THREE PROS TO CLEAN UP, AND THAT'S INCLUDING BACKUP.

BUT WE'LL BE DOING IT AS A CLASS.

SO SHE'S BASICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE EXAM.

LUCKY ...

THEY PROBABLY DECIDED SHE DIDN'T NEED THE EXAM.

ONMYO PREP WORKS ON A MERIT-BASED SYSTEM.

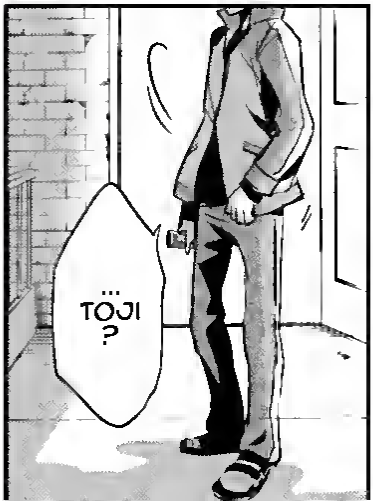
I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING FOR US NORMAL FOLKS TO DO BUT TRY OUR BEST.
...HEY, TOJI.
HOW'VE THINGS BEEN GOING?
NO, NOT JUST THE USUAL THINGS.
I MEAN ...
YOU KNOW.
...YOU MEAN THE AFTER-EFFECTS?
THAT'S WHY I SAID "YOU KNOW."
NO PHYSICAL OR SPIRITUAL CHANGES.
I HAVE BECOME MORE AWARE OF SPIRIT ENERGY THAN BEFORE THOUGH.

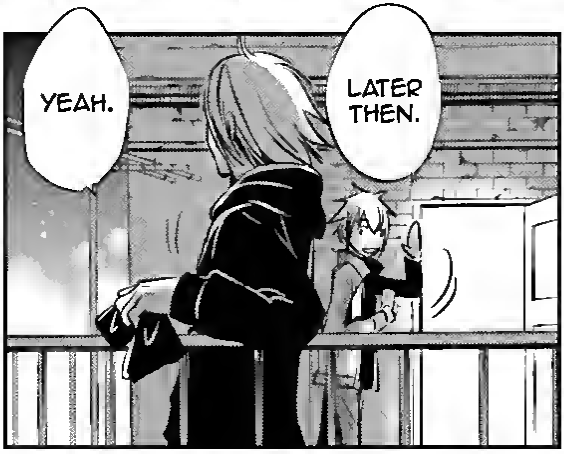
...AS BAD AS WHAT YOU'RE IMAGIN-ING.
PROB-ABLY.
AT LEAST, THINGS SHOULDN'T END UP...
...DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE ALMOST ABLE TO CONTROL IT?
...I SEE.
EVEN IF I'M FACED WITH A SPIRITUAL DISAS-TER...
... AGAIN.
BUT STILL...I WON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID.
YOUR DAD'S TREAT-MENT IS WORKING PERFECT-LY.
DON'T WORRY.
...WHAT IF MESSING AROUND WITH IT LIKE THIS JUST MAKES THINGS WORSE?
I MEAN, IT'S ALL GOOD IF YOU CAN CONTROL IT, BUT...
BUT I STILL WORRY.

Hmm...
WELL, AT LEAST YOU'RE AWARE OF THAT MUCH.
WHOA!
WHO'S ACTING HIGH AND MIGHTY NOW!
Aha ha ha ha!

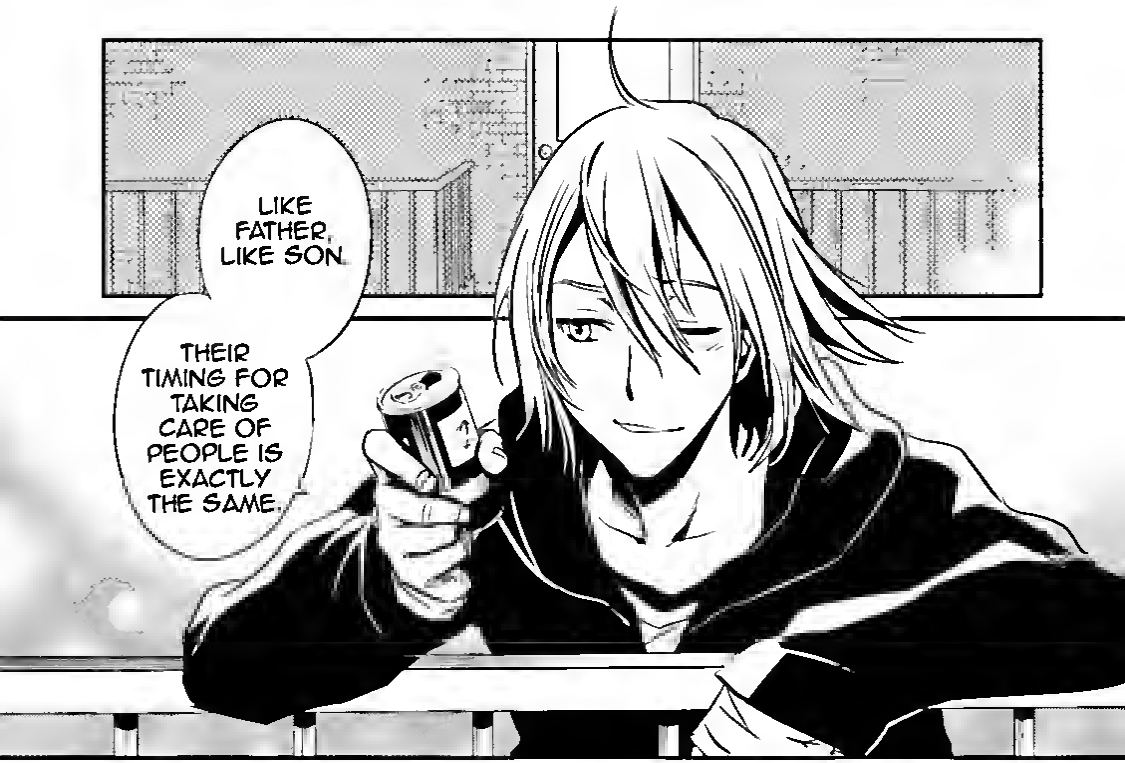
Tch!
IT SEEMS THAT'S THE ONLY REAL ABILITY I REALLY HAVE ANYWAY.
THAT'S YOUR AREA OF EXPERTISE, AFTER ALL. BEING STUPID.

GULP


...TOJI?


YEAH.
LATER THEN.

GRIN
LET'S DO OUR BEST TOMORROW!
UH...
...IS SOMETHING I'LL WORRY ABOUT IN THE MORNING.
THAT ...
DID YOU FORGET?
YOU'RE THE ONE IN DANGER OF BEING HELD BACK, NOT ME.
HEH
SIP...
THUD



THE NEXT DAY -- EVENING

GACHUNK
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BRRRIIING

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CALL FROM
陰陽庁特殊機動
第一
オペレーションルーム
ONMYO AGENCY
EXORCISM BUREAU
1ST OPERATION
ROOM
NEXT IS SHIN-JUKU...
...TCH
...OVER-TIME?!
SHINJUKU.

END OF CHAPTER 18

Chapter 19
Exams

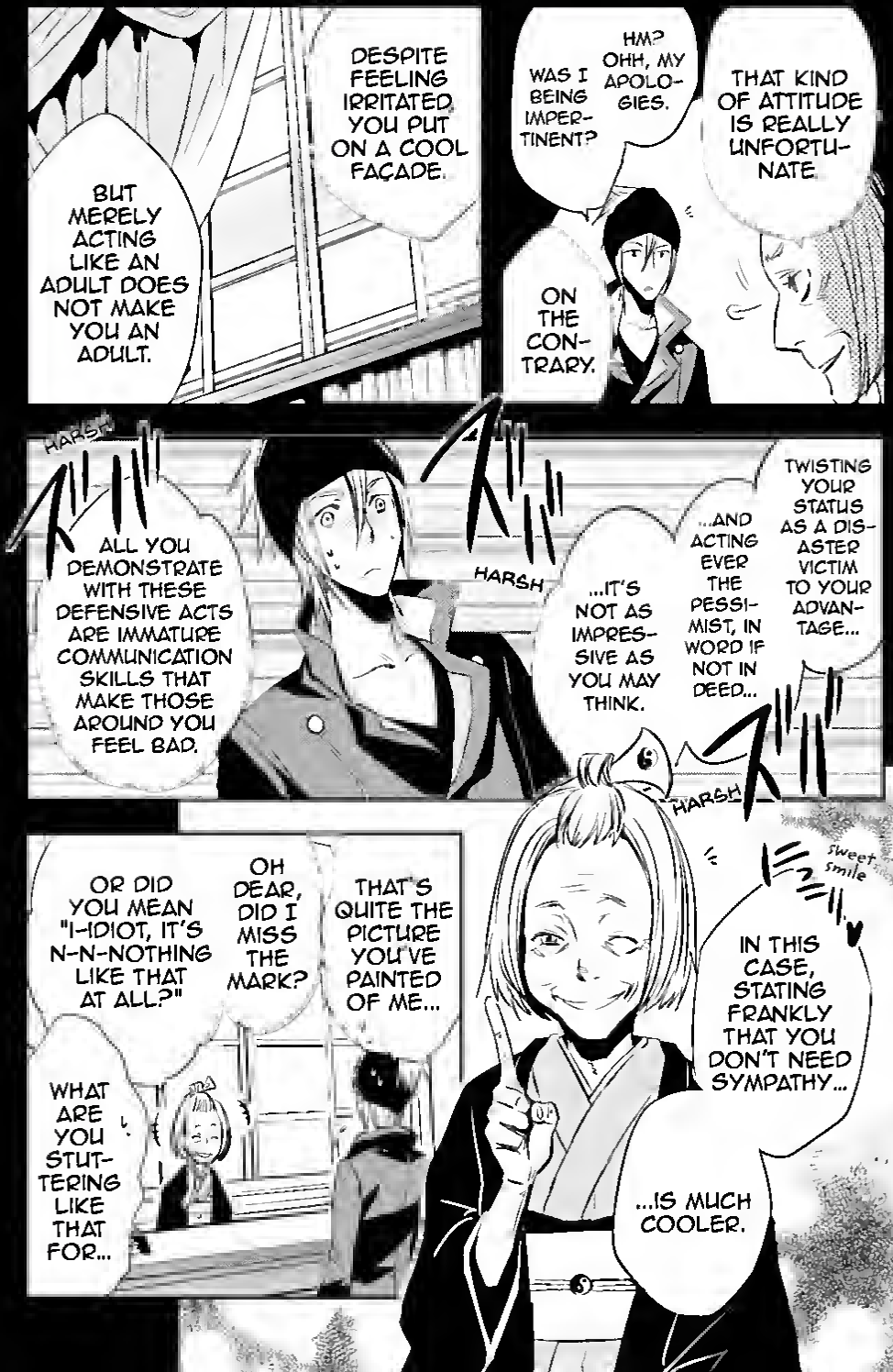
DAY OF THE PROMOTION EXAM -- EVENING -- SHIBUYA
ALRIGHT, THAT'S IT.
JUST A LITTLE MORE !!
WHOOOOOSH
YES, MA'AM!
BARRIER TEAM
PURIFICATION TEAM

FIDGET
FIDGET
OH NOOOO... I THINK I'M GONNA BE SICK...
BLEEEEHHH
HOLD ON, TENMA!
TAKE A DEEP BREATH.. OH YEAH, YOU'LL JUST BREATHE IN MIASMA...
M-M-MASTER HARUTORA!
KON CAN HELP--!!
NO. YOU CAN'T!!
GRRR
EVERY-ONE, STAY CALM!
THE BARRIER IS WORKING PERFECT-LY!
WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER, SO YOU CAN'T JUST DO IT ALL ON YOUR OWN!!
THIS IS A PROMOTION EXAM!
WE'RE NOT JUST GETTING RID OF IT. WE'VE GOTTA MAINTAIN OUR BAL-ANCE!

YOU WERE A VICTIM OF A REAL SPIRITUAL DISASTER, RIGHT?
Shoot
...TOJI, ARE YOU OKAY?
WE'RE DOING FINE, GUYS!
THE PURIFI-CATION IS GOING WELL NOW.
EVEN IF IT TAKES SOME TIME, LET'S MAKE SURE THE SPIRIT ENERGY IS PROPERLY STRAIGHT-ENED OUT.
I'VE GOT PERFECT CONTROL NOW.
...YEAH.
IT'S NO PROBLEM.
THE DAY BEFORE
塾長室
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
PURIFICATION OF A SPIRITUAL DISASTER?
...
What're you talkin' about?
I'M THE ONE IN CONTROL OF THE BARRIER!
Tee hee!

WHY ARE YOU LEAKING THIS INFORMATION TO ME?
AREN'T THE CONTENTS OF THE PRACTICAL EXAM SUPPOSED TO BE CONCEALED UNTIL THE DAY OF?
SINCE THIS IS AN EXAM...
...EVERY STUDENT TAKING IT SHOULD HAVE THE SAME CHANCES.
6
BUT FOR THIS EXAM...
...YOU HAVE A HANDICAP
BECAUSE...
...TWO YEARS AGO, YOU YOURSELF GOT CAUGHT IN A REAL SPIRITUAL DISASTER.
AND EVEN TODAY...
...YOU'RE STRUGGLING WITH ITS AFTER-EFFECTS.
WELL...
...THAT IS TRUE.
BUT...

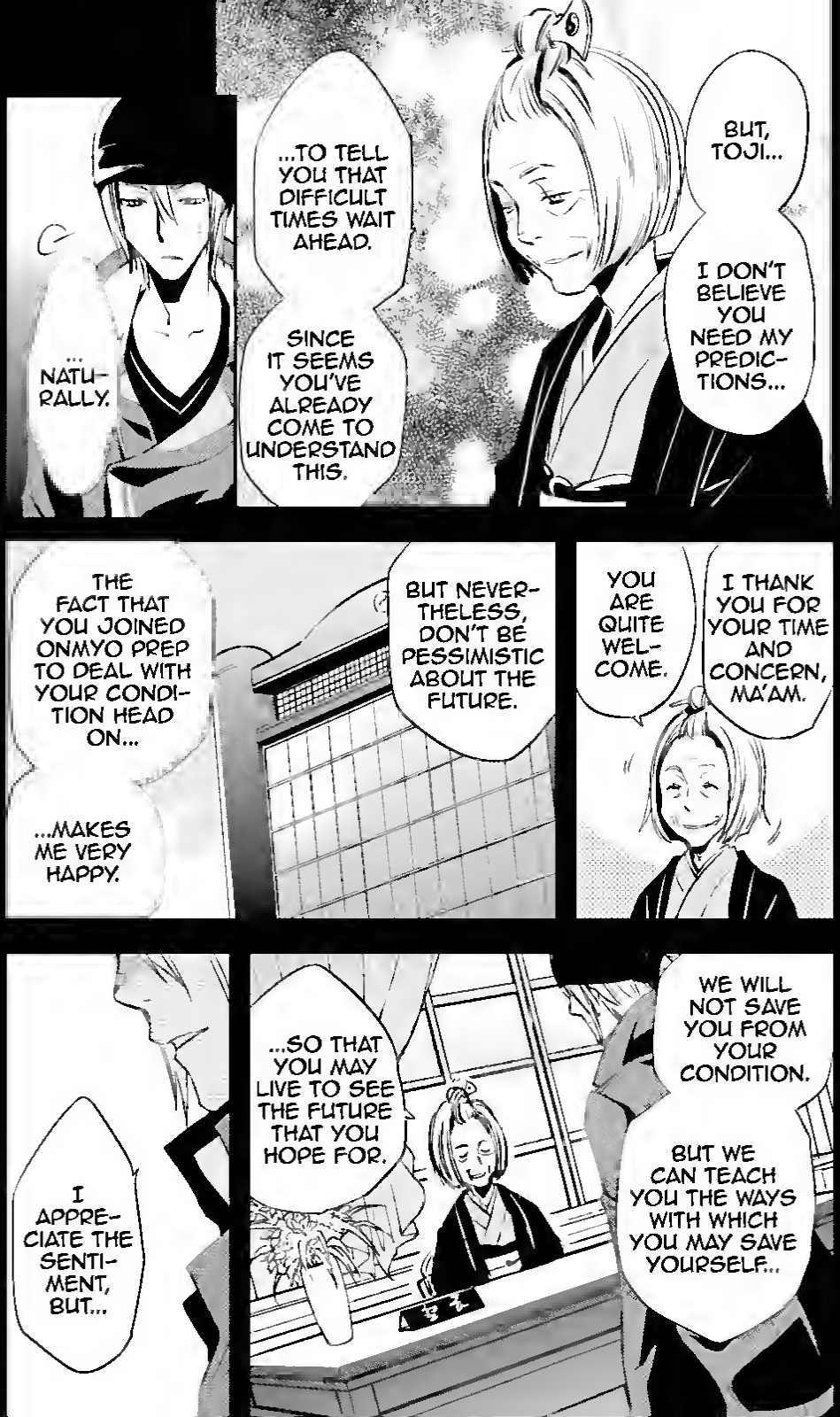
WELL, YEAH... IF I'M NOT AWARE OF IT, THEN THAT'S THAT.
WHICH IS WHY I'VE CALLED YOU HERE.
I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE BEST IF YOU WERE MENTALLY PREPARED.
...HOW IS THAT A HANDI-CAP?
DO YOU THINK I'M SO TRAUMA-TIZED?
JUST BECAUSE YOU AREN'T AWARE OF IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THERE ISN'T A CHANCE IT WON'T HAPPEN.
MENTALLY PREPARED? THAT'S WHY YOU CALLED ME?
UNFOR-TUNATELY MR. OTOMO IS AWAY ON SOME BUSINESS.
AND THE ONLY OTHER PERSON AWARE OF YOUR CIRCUM-STANCES IS MYSELF.
AND, WELL, I AM A BIT CON-CERNED.
...I SEE.
... TOJI ?
SORRY 'BOUT THAT.
SEEMS LIKE I'VE CAUSED YOU QUITE A BIT OF WORRY.


DESPITE FEELING IRRITATED, YOU PUT ON A COOL FAÇADE.
BUT MERELY ACTING LIKE AN ADULT DOES NOT MAKE YOU AN ADULT.
THAT KIND OF ATTITUDE IS REALLY UNFORTUNATE.
HM? OHH, MY APOLOGIES.
WAS I BEING IMPERTINENT?
ON THE CONTRARY.
HARSH
ALL YOU DEMONSTRATE WITH THESE DEFENSIVE ACTS ARE IMMATURE COMMUNICATION SKILLS THAT MAKE THOSE AROUND YOU FEEL BAD.
HARSH
...IT'S NOT AS IMPRESSIVE AS YOU MAY THINK.
...AND ACTING EVER THE PESSIMIST, IN WORD IF NOT IN DEED...
TWISTING YOUR STATUS AS A DISASTER VICTIM TO YOUR ADVANTAGE...
HARSH
sweet smile
IN THIS CASE, STATING FRANKLY THAT YOU DON'T NEED SYMPATHY...
...IS MUCH COOLER.
THAT'S QUITE THE PICTURE YOU'VE PAINTED OF ME...
OH DEAR, DID I MISS THE MARK?
OR DID YOU MEAN "I-IDIOT, IT'S N-N-NOTHING LIKE THAT AT ALL?"
WHAT ARE YOU STUTTERING LIKE THAT FOR...

...I GOT IT.
I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT BEING MORE HONEST. THANKS.
...IT'S LIKE YOU SAID THERE HAVE BEEN VARIOUS TROUBLESOME AFTER-EFFECTS.
I'M FAIRLY USED TO IT, BUT SOMETIMES WHEN I'M REMINDED LIKE THIS THAT I'M A VICTIM OF A SPIRITUAL DISASTER...
...I GET IRRITATED ON REFLEX.
BUT DESPITE THAT, I DO BELIEVE THAT I'VE MOVED PAST IT.
...I SEE.
I SUPPOSE IT WAS ACTUALLY JUST ME THAT DECIDED IT WAS A HANDICAP.
BUT I APOLOGIZE IF THAT MADE YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE...
I GOT IT. I'LL ABIDE BY WHATEVER IS DECIDED.
I'LL BE SURE TO TALK WITH MY PHYSICIAN AS WELL.
AHH, IT'S ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED WITH HARUTORA'S FATHER.
HUH?
DIDN'T YOU KNOW?
HE IS A GRADUATE OF OURS.
I S-SEE... THEN...

AMA-MI?
OH DEAR, MY APOLO-GIES. JUST AN OLD FRIEND.
HE'S CURRENT-LY THE CHIEF OF THE ONMYO AGENCY'S MAGICAL CRIME INVESTI-GATION DIVISION.
HE WAS AN OUT-STANDING STUDENT.
AMAMI WAS QUITE UPSET WHEN HE DECIDED TO QUIT THE ONMYO AGENCY.
WHEN IT COMES TO EXPERTISE IN DEALING WITH MAGIC DONE AGAINST HUMANS...
...ONMYO DOCTORS AND MAGICAL CRIME INVESTI-GATORS HAVE QUITE THE SHARED SKILL SET.
YOU DIDN'T KNOW THIS EITHER?
AH WELL, HE IS JUST A COUN-TRYSIDE ONMYO MAGE DOCTOR NOW.
Hard to imagine, I suppose.
YOU DON T MEAN THAT HARUTORA'S DAD WAS PART OF THAT SAME BUREAU?
THE CHIEF SO HE'S ONE OF THE BEST IN THE MAGICAL CRIME INVESTI-GATION DIVISION?
I SEE...
BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY.
AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME, I WOULDN'T BE FRIGHT-ENED BY JUST A PHASE 1 SPIRITUAL DISASTER.
OR MAYBE...
HMM, YES...
...SO IN THE END IT WAS JUST MY WISH THAT YOU BE MENTALLY PREPARED FOR WHAT WAS COMING.
...THAT THE EXAM WON T AFFECT MY PROG-NOSIS. IS THAT IT?
AND AS ONE SUCH AN EXPERT, HARU-TORA'S DAD HAS DECID-ED...

YOU'VE HAD A "PREMONITION" OF SOMETHING?
MANY GENERATIONS OF ONMYO AGENCY DIRECTORS HAVE RELIED ON KURAHASHI ASTROLOGERS AS A LAST RESORT.
YOUR GRADES MAKE IT QUITE CLEAR HOW KNOWLEDGEABLE YOU ARE ABOUT ONMYO ARTS...
...BUT PERHAPS YOU PUT A BIT TOO MUCH STOCK IN GOSSIP.
I QUITE LIKE THE GOSSIP.
AND WHEN I WAS RECOVERING IN THE HOSPITAL, I HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO STUDY ON MY OWN.
I SEE...
WELL THEN, I MIGHT AS WELL SPEAK FRANKLY MYSELF.
TOJI.
YOUR STARS ARE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO READ...
...BECAUSE OF YOUR CONDITION.
THE FACT THAT I COULD NOT SEE THE WAY THROUGH YOUR STARS...
...IS ANOTHER REASON WHY I WAS CONCERNED TO CALL YOU HERE TODAY.


BUT, TOJI...
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU NEED MY PREDICTIONS...
...TO TELL YOU THAT DIFFICULT TIMES WAIT AHEAD.
SINCE IT SEEMS YOU'VE ALREADY COME TO UNDERSTAND THIS.
...NATURALLY.
I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONCERN, MA'AM.
YOU ARE QUITE WELCOME.
BUT NEVERTHELESS, DON'T BE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE.
THE FACT THAT YOU JOINED ONMYO PREP TO DEAL WITH YOUR CONDITION HEAD ON...
...MAKES ME VERY HAPPY.
WE WILL NOT SAVE YOU FROM YOUR CONDITION.
BUT WE CAN TEACH YOU THE WAYS WITH WHICH YOU MAY SAVE YOURSELF...
...SO THAT YOU MAY LIVE TO SEE THE FUTURE THAT YOU HOPE FOR.
I APPRECIATE THE SENTIMENT, BUT...

"WITH THE WAY YOU ARE NOW," CORRECT?
...THERE IS NO FUTURE THAT I CAN HOPE FOR.
UNFOR-TUNATELY, WITH THE WAY I AM NOW...
...IS HARDLY THE SMART THING FOR SUCH AN EXCELLENT STUDENT TO DO.
LIMITING YOUR FUTURE POTENTIAL BY YOUR OWN WILL...
RETSU!
ZAI!
FLICK
FLICK
KAI!
JIN!
RIN!
PYOU!
TOU!
SHA!
FLASH
ZEN!
HARU-TORA..!

BLAH
わや
ME--?! IS IT ALL MY FAULT ?!
YOU GUYS SURE YOU AREN'T BLAMING ME FOR YOUR MISTAKES TOO?!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, TSUCCHI?! YOU'RE THROWING EVERYONE OFF-KILTER!
GET CONTROL OF YOUR POWER OUTPUT!
WAIT A-- NOW IT'S TOO WEAK, HARUTORA!
IT'S TOO STRONG!
LAY OFF A BIT, GEEZ!
EVEN YOU, KON?! ANYWAY, YOU'RE IN THE WAY! I CAN'T SEE!!
M-M-MASTER HARUTORA! THE PROPER POSITION IS THIS.
YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE!! BESIDES, I ALREADY KNOW!
THE SWORD POSITION IS LIKE THIS!
MY HEAD HURTS... I THINK I'M GONNA DIE...
Uuurrggll
FLAIL!!
INTENSE STARE!!
HARUTORA!
YOUR HAND POSITIONS ARE TOO LAX!
TEAMWORK IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT WHEN PURIFYING SPIRITUAL DISASTERS.
CONVERSELY, IF ONE GROWS ACCUSTOMED TO RELYING ON THE POWERS OF OTHERS, ONE LOSES THE DESIRE FOR GROWTH.
PROFESSOR, I WON'T USE HOKUTO, SO PLEASE LET ME JOIN..!
NATSUME.

Hmph
...THOUGH TO BE FAIR, THIS IS PROBABLY THE RIGHT TIME.
IT'S ALMOST DUSK... THE "TWILIGHT WITCHING HOUR."
ABOUT THE TIME WHEN SPIRITUAL DISASTERS START TO REVITALIZE.
ONE IMPORTANT PURPOSE OF THIS EXAM IS TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE PRESENT CONDITION OF ONE'S ABILITIES.
...
うう...
SOB SOB SOB
ALRIGHT THEN, NATSUME--
GEEE---ZO
PRINCIPAL? WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM? ...YES.
WE'RE STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE EXAM HERE...
HUH? HEY..
ISN'T SOMETHING WEIRD?
RUSTLE
I-IT'S DEFINITELY ODD...
ISN'T THE SPIRIT ENERGY STRONGER NOW?!
ROOAAAR
?!

--AH ?!
EVERY-ONE, STRENGTH-EN THE BARRIER!
CRACK
WOOOOSH
CRACK
CRACK
PURIFI-CATION TEAM, INCREASE OUTPUT!
STOP THE SPIRITUAL DISASTER FROM EXPAND-ING!
DASH
PURIFICATION TEAM, EVACUATE TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE BARRIER AT ONCE!
BARRIER TEAM, KEEP IT UP!
PRO-FESS—
KURAHASHI! DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HOLD ON FOR ANOTHER MINUTE?
S-SURE!
ALRIGHT, I'LL KEEP IT SURROUNDED WITH A BARRIER.
EVERYONE, STAY CALM AND MOVE QUICKLY!
RUN

SHA
...EXPEL THIS VILE AND EVIL SPIRIT, IN YOUR NAME!
BY THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE ORIGINAL VOWS OF ACALA...
CONTROL, CONTROL, INEVITABLE CONTROL.
FWIP
?!
FWOOSH
ON BISHI BISHI KARA KARA
SHIBAR! SOWAKA!
PANIC
あわ
THE SCHOOL... BUT... WHO?!
O-OKAY..!
HARUTORA, CALL THE SCHOOL AND GET HELP!
MOMOE! CONTACT THE EXORCISM BUREAU'S EMERGENCY CALL CENTER!

HUH!
TOJI?! HOLD ON!
IF HE'S THERE ...
OTOMO SHOULD BE BACK AT THE SCHOOL BY NOW!
UGH...
TOJI ?!
NNG... G...
NG...
KURA-HASHI! CONCEN-TRATE!
...!!
DASH
HARU-TORA, WHAT ABOUT THE PHONE CALL?!
TOJI ...?!
TOJI! YOU CAN'T--!
... DON'T TOUCH ME.
PANICKY!

WHAP
M-MASTER HARUTORA...!
NG... GUH?!
SHOOOOOOM
WHOA...!!
KYAAH!!
...DON'T TOUCH ME...
...BUT NOT FOR LONG...
...I'M STILL CONTROLLING IT

OH!
OH NO, THE BARRIER--!!
DAMN, IT'S NO GOOD!!
IT'S MOVING TO PHASE 2...!!
CRACK
CRACK
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
CRACK
COME, HOKUTO!!
SON OF A--!!

HOKUTO ! THIS IS AN ORDER!
EXPEL THE MIASMA OF THE SHADOWS !!
WOOSH
SWOOSH
Hmph
How boring.
Eh?!
I'd like to take it easy once in a while...
GROOAAN

Gah!!
!!
FLEX
AH!!
NO, EVERYONE, GET BACK!
F-WOOSH
SH-
SHOOT!
PROTECT THE STUDENTS!
BZZZZZZ
ROOOOAR

WHOA!
KYAH?!
DOOOOOM
AUGH?!
DOOOOOM

HOOOOOWL
WHAAAAAT
ONIL
...Gone?!
ONIL
...AS ONE WOULD EXPECT OF THE TSUCHI-MIKADO GUARDIAN BEAST.
Uhh...
QUITE IMPRES-SIVE...
IS EVERYONE ALRIGHT?!
TAP TAP TAP
TAP TAP TAP
...NA-TSU-ME...
THANKS TO YOU, WE'RE SAFE BUT...

YOU THINK YOU COULD HOLD BACK A BIT?
THERE IS NO HOLDING BACK! ISN'T THIS A STATE OF EMERGENCY?!
THE BIGGEST STATE OF EMERGENCY WAS THE DRAGON JUST NOW.
WHAT'S WITH THE SARCASM ?!
IT WAS PRETTY COOL RIGHT UP TO THE MIDDLE, NATSUME...
EVEN YOU, TENMA ?!
FSSSHHHH
IF I HAD JUST STAYED ON THE SIDELINES, IT WOULD'VE BEEN MUCH WORSE!
RIGHT, TEACHER ?!
HM? AHH... WELL...
WHY ARE YOU MUMBLING?!
THAT'S S-STRANGE...
Was it that big of a mistake?!
WOW...
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW...
IS THAT TSUCHIMIKADO'S ...?
Ugh.
THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T JOIN THE EXAM...
HEY--

EVERY-ONE...
GET OUT OF HERE...!!
NOW...
RIGHT... NOW...
AHHHH-HHHH
TOU--
GURGLE
?!
AHHHHH
AHHHH
BLINK
THUD
AH
AHHH

PH... PHASE 3...
THERE'S NO WAY...!!
A CHIMERA TYPE...
... NUE ?!
HYUUUN
HOOOH
HOOOH
...HUH?
DROP
RUSTLE

HOOOH
DROP
RUSTLE

HOOOH
...HUH?
PH... PHASE 3...
THERE'S NO WAY...!!
A CHIMERA TYPE...
... NUE ?!
KYUUUN

SHUDDER SHUDDER
UGH...
WOBBLE
MIASMA GAS...!!
AUGH ...
THUMP
TUMBLE
DAMN --!!
ORDER !!
SNAP
I'LL BE THE DECOY! TAKE THE STUDENTS AND GET OUT OF HERE!!
ROOAAR
YOU FOOL! WE'LL ALL BE KILLED!!
B-BUT...!
HYYAAAAAOOO
BOOM
EEEEEE

EEEEEE
BOOM

SHUDDER SHUDDER
UGH...
WOBBLE
MIASMA GAS...!!
AUGH ...
THUMP
HYYAAAAAOOO
TUMBLE
DAMN --!!
ORDER !!
SNAP
I'LL BE THE DECOY! TAKE THE STUDENTS AND GET OUT OF HERE!!
ROOAAR
B-BUT...!
YOU FOOL! WE'LL ALL BE KILLED!!

EVERY-ONE--
I KNOW! HOKUTO!!
NATSU-ME--?!
SLITHER
I CAN'T... ANY-MORE...
FOR-GET IT...
JUST GIVE IT A REST AL-READY!
SLITHER
KON, HELP ME OUT.
TOJI... SORRY, BUT I'VE GOTTA GET YOU UP.
...ALL RIGHT,
HARU... TORA...
THIS FEVER...

THIS ONE...IS WOUNDED.
MASTER HARU-TORA.
KON?! HURRY--
HE'S ON FIRE...!
IT SEEMS TO BE...
...AFRAID OF SOMETHING.
GLANCE
!!
WHA--
WHAT?
SKUFF
WHAT THE HELL?!

THERE'S EVEN A REAL DRAGON HERE.
WHAT ARE YOU DAMN KIDS DOING WITH MY PREY?
SO WHAT'S GOING ON?
GLARE
O--
OGRE EATER...!!

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SO WHAT'S GOING ON?
O--
GLARE
OGRE EATER...!!

HEY, OLD GEEZER.
DON'T CALL ME BY THAT NAME.
SWISH
MY NAME IS REIJI KAGAMI.
AND PISSING OFF A DIVINE GENERAL LIKE ME...
UH OH
...WILL GET YOU DEAD.

End of Chapter 19

A FEW HOURS EARLIER -- ONMYO AGENCY EXORCISM BUREAU -- IST OPERATION ROOM
A DYNAMIC SPRITUAL DISASTER HAS BEEN CONFIRMED!
IT'S MOVING TO PHASE 3!!
CHIEF! A REPORT FROM SHINAGAWA
THE WHOLE CITY IS IN AN UPROAR FROM THESE SPIRIT PULSES ?!
JUST WHAT IS THIS...?!
IT'S A CHIMERA TYPE... AND IT'S A NUE!
AKIHA-BARA AND UENO...
SHINA-GAWA AND SHIBUYA ...
TOKYO'S DEMON GATES AND BACK DEMON GATES...!!
IN SHIBUYA ...!!
GRIND...
A NEW DYNAMIC SPRITUAL DISASTER HAS BEEN CON-FIRMED!
!!
IT'S EX-PANDING RAPIDLY ...

ISN'T THIS JUST LIKE WHAT HAPPENED TWO YEARS AGO...
YOU DON'T MEAN...
SPIRITUAL DISASTER TERRORISM ...?!

Chapter 20
Ogre Eater

I-INDEPENDENT EXORCIST KAGAMI! WE ARE FROM ONMYO PREPARATORY SCHOOL.
WHILE CONDUCTING A PRACTICAL EXAM, WE WERE ATTACKED BY A PHASE 3.
URGENT ASSISTANCE--
ONE OF THE TWELVE DIVINE GENERALS?!
OGRE EATER...
I DON'T GIVE A CRAP ABOUT ASSISTING YOU. THAT'S MY PREY.
YOU JERKS ARE JUST IN THE WAY.
BEAT IT.
SKUFF
FOOL --?!
DON'T PROVOKE IT!!

FAINT
THUD
THUMP
HYYAAAAAOOO
DIZZY
DAMN ...!
TWITCH
STAGGER
MASTER HARU-TORA!!
GOD, YOU'RE A PAIN.
BE SILENT.

HUH...?
A HIGH-GRADE SPELL...
FREEZE
IMPERIAL MAGIC... WORDS WITH THE POWER TO INFLUENCE THE MIND OF AN OPPONENT.
GRIN
FOR HUMAN OPPONENTS, ANYWAY.
BUT FOR A SPIRITUAL DISASTER--?!
RUSH
FLASH

GWAAAAAA AAAAR
SNAP
UN!
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
FWWWSH
HEY NOW, I WAS JUST ON MY WAY HOME WHEN I GOT CALLED HERE, SO I'VE GOT NO TALISMANS.
DON'T CAUSE A BUNCH OF TROUBLE.

NAMAH SARVATATHA-AGATEBHYAH SARVA...
INVOKING KAKAISHU ?!
WHAT POWER...
ROAAR
GWAG AHHHH
AHHH!
WHOOSSHH
KAH..

KYOKO !!
SHING
...NG?!
BAM!
BLAM
KURA-HASHI?!
G-GENERAL KAGAMI! SHOW SOME CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF CIVILIANS!
KURA-HASHI...?

AHH, WAIT A SEC. THAT MEANS THE DRAGON ...
...IS THE TSUCHI-MIKADO'S ONE?!
SO THAT LITTLE BITCH IS THE AGENCY HEAD'S DAUGH-TER...
...OH YEAH! ONMYO PREP...
GYYAAH
AND, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S TRUE OR NOT BUT..
THE BRAT THAT'S THE NEXT HEAD OF THE TSUCHI-MIKADO FAMILY.
...SO HE'S HERE SOME-WHERE.
GLARE
CRAP!!
...!!
...THE REINCAR-NATION OF YAKO?

YOU?
FWAP
KAGA-MI!
DON'T YOU TOUCH THE STU-DENTS!
SLIP
DAMN!
DON'T MOVE.
STUCK
!!
...!

Y-YES...
YOU LOOK LIKE QUITE THE WELL-BEHAVED BRAT, DON'T YA?
IT'S YOU, AIN'T IT? TSUCHI-MIKADO.
YOUR NAME?
N-NATSUME TSUCHI-MIKADO.
I HEARD YOU WERE THE ONE WHO MADE THE GOTHIC LOLITA DAIRENJI GIRL CRY.
EVEN THOUGH THAT BRAT WAS JUST A SCRAP OF THE TWELVE DIVINE GEN-ERALS,
SHOULDN'T YOU BE BOASTIN' A BIT?
I LIKE 'EM BETTER THAT WAY.
AFTER ALL...

...BRATS WHO TRY TO LOOK COOL...
...ARE MUCH MORE FUN TO PLAY WITH.
...TCH
RUSH
ヒィィィィィィィ
?!
NATSU-ME...!!
SST
HMPH.

GYAAHAAH
GYAAHH-HHHHH
FWWSSSH
A SPEED MANTRA?!
A-AMAZING...
NO INCANTATIONS, CHANTING, OR HAND POSITIONS?!
...WELL, GUESS I BETTER CLEAN UP OVER HERE FIRST.
THE ONES HEADED FOR SHINAGAWA...
...MIGHT MAKE THEIR WAY HERE.
...OR WAIT.

NATSUME, RIGHT?
WHY DON'T YOU...
...TRY USING THAT DRAGON TO PURIFY IT?
...HUH?
COME ON, IT'S PRETTY WEAK NOW.
GYAHAHA
AND YOU'VE GOT A REAL-LIFE DRAGON.
NO REASON TO BE SCARED OF A LITTLE OL' NUE.
...YOU.
YOU CALL YOURSELF AN EXORCIST?
NO SANE PERSON WOULD PLAY AROUND WITH A SPRITUAL DISASTER.
YOU SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THIS PURIFICATION BEFORE MAKING SUCH RIDICULOUS DEMANDS!
...OHH?
WOOOSH

GRAB
WELL AREN'T YOU A HARD WORKING LITTLE HONOR STUDENT.
WERE YOU SHOWING OFF YOUR RIGHTEOUS-NESS AND COURAGE JUST NOW?
!!
NICE.
VERY NICE!
THIS GIVES ME SOME MOTIVATION.
DAM-MIT...!
ROOOAAAAR

YOU BETTER LET GO,
YOU SCARRED BASTARD!!
YOU IDIOT...!!
...WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
GLARE

HARUTORA TSUCHI-MIKADO.
A SON OF A BRANCH FAMILY!!
Whaaat?~
Woooooow
Master Haruto
A BRANCH FAMILY, HUH?!
!
HOKUTO ?!
TAP
SWOOSH

ROOOOAR
HOW 'BOUT I TEACH YOU CLUELESS KIDS...
...ABOUT THE CRUELTIES OF THE REAL WORLD?
...HMM.
THIS IS GREAT.
...!!
SHOOOO-OOOOOO
RUMBLE
TWITCH
WHAT THE--?!
PLOP

?!
BOOM
THIS IS...
RUMBLE
KYAH!
RUMBLE
FWIIISH
SOME-ONE'S MANIP-ULATING THE SPIRIT PULSE?!
DAM-MIT, BUT WHO ?!

?!
BRRRRUU-UUUM
BURST
TCH
TINGLE
IT'S RECOV-ERING BY EATING THE SPIRIT ENERGY.
SWOOSH
--?!
BAT
FWIIIISSH
BAM!

RUNNING AWAY, HUH?!
SWOOSH
BUT... THE ONE BUTTING IN NOW...
...IS PROBABLY THE SAME ONE WHO DISTURBED THE SPIRIT PULSE...
AND IF SO, HE'S QUITE SKILLED..
?!
GYAAH
IF WE GO AFTER THE NUE, HE'S SURE TO FOLLOW.

AAHHH
SMACK
WHA...
ANOTHER SPRITUAL DISASTER ...?!
AAAAH
SMACK
SMACK
AHHH
SMACK
SLUMP
AH...
TOJI!
TOJI?!
COLLAPSE
?!

NOT A NUE...
SSSSS...SSSSS...SSS...
A DYNAMIC SPIRITUAL DISASTER ...?
NO...
SNEER
HOW INTERESTING.
HEH...
THERE'S SOME-THING...
...STUCK TO THAT BRAT, EH?
FLINCH

NO, NOT JUST ANYTHING...
AN OGRE.
A HALF-OGRE--!
HAHA, THIS IS GREAT!
M-M-MASTER HARU-TORA?! TOJI IS...
GRR ...!
YOU GUYS ARE SERIOUSLY THE BEST!

AN...
...OGRE?
HALF-OGRE...?!
IT WAS THE SAME WITH DAIRENJI.
THAT GUY BECAME THE NUCLEUS OF THE SPIRITUAL DISASTER...
THAT WAS TWO YEARS AGO DURING THE SPIRITUAL DISASTER TERRORIST ATTACKS.
FROM WHAT THE HEAD OFFICE IS SAYING...
...IT LOOKS LIKE HISTORY IS REPEATIN' ITSELF.
...AND TURNED HIMSELF INTO AN OGRE.
SO WHEN DID YOU TURN?

"TOJI," WAS IT?
I BET THIS OGRE GOT STUCK TO YOU...
...TWO YEARS AGO, DIDN'T IT?

SHIDO DAIRENJI BECAME AN OGRE.
HE EVEN MOVED UP TO A PHASE 4.
WOULDN'T BE ODD IF SOMEONE WHO GOT CAUGHT UP IN IT ENDED UP HALF-OGRE.
...!
SHUDDER

SO...?
YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE ONE OF THE SPIRITUAL DISASTER VICTIMS OF THAT TERRORIST ATTACK?
...SO WHAT?

SO WHAT IF HE IS?!
TOJI IS A SPIRITUAL DISASTER VICTIM, BUT HE'S NOT A SPIRIT DISASTER!
THAT IS FOR PROFES-SIONALS TO DECIDE.
M-MY DAD IS TOJI'S DOCTOR!
A PRO-FESSIONAL ONMYO DOCTOR SAYS IT'S NOT A PROBLEM !!
FROM TSUCHI-MIKADO? HOW VERY, VERY INTER-ESTING.
FWIP
...NG ...!
FWUP
!!
HUH
KER-THUMP

HARU-TO-RA!!
...YOU...
MASTER HARU-TORA!!
--OOF !!
SLIDE
LET'S SEE.
GRAB
YOU BASTARD...!!
SLIP
STOP !--...!!

BZZ BZZ... BZZ
KYAHA HA!
WHAT A FINE-LOOKIN' OGRE WE'VE GOT COMING ALONG HERE!
JUST ONE MORE STEP...
...AND ITS TRANSFOR-MATION IS COMPLETE.
END OF CHAPTER 20

PERSONAL GROOMING ~KYOKO EDITION~

AFTERWORD

HOW WAS THE FOURTH VOLUME OF TOKYO RAVENS?? DOING THE GAG SHORT STORY WAS SO MUCH FUN, BUT I MIGHT'VE DESTROYED NATSUME'S IMAGE. SORRY ABOUT THAT.
I DREW ALL OF THE CRAZY-EXPRESSION PANELS WITH IMMENSE GLEE. I'M SORRY. I CAN'T HELP IT... I FELT A LITTLE LONELY GOING BACK TO THE STORY, BUT I'M STARTING TO ENJOY DRAWING KAGAMI'S CRAZY FACE!!

MANY THANKS TO MR. AZANO, MY SUPERVISOR, AND MY ASSISTANTS FOR ALL THEIR HELP.
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HERE'S TO SAFELY MEETING AGAIN IN THE NEXT VOLUME!!

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